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a b FRANZ FERDINAND	A. Martinolich	5,043	17th May 1903

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ERNEST SIMONS	5,707	Dupuy Fromy	9th Apr. 1903.
TONKIN	6,363	Schmitz	7th May 1903.

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Age next Birthday.	Whole Life Assurances of Rs. 1,000.						Endowment Assurances of Rs. 1,000.						Age next Birthday
	Whole Life Premiums.		Premiums Limited to				Payable at death, or in						
			10 years.		15 years.	20 years.	15 years.		20 years.		25 years.		
	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	Rs.	a.	
20	21	10	43	8	36 6	30 7	64	5	47	6	37	11	20
21	22	1	49	4	36 14	30 15	64	6	47	8	37	13	21
22	22	9	50	0	37 7	31 7	64	8	47	10	37	15	22
23	23	1	50	12	38 0	31 15	64	9	47	12	38	1	23
24	23	9	51	8	38 10	32 7	64	11	47	14	38	4	24
25	24	2	52	5	39 4	33 0	64	13	48	0	38	7	25
26	24	11	53	2	39 15	33 9	64	15	48	3	38	10	26
27	25	5	54	0	40 10	34 2	65	1	48	6	38	14	27
28	25	15	54	14	41 5	34 12	65	4	48	9	39	2	28
29	26	9	55	13	42 1	35 6	65	7	48	12	39	6	29
30	27	4	56	13	42 13	36 0	65	10	49	0	39	11	30
31	27	15	57	13	43 10	36 11	65	13	49	4	40	0	31
32	28	11	58	14	44 7	37 6	66	0	49	8	40	6	32
33	29	8	59	15	45 4	38 2	66	4	49	13	40	12	33
34	30	6	61	1	46 2	38 15	66	8	50	2	41	3	34
35	31	5	62	4	47 1	39 12	66	13	50	8	41	10	35
36	32	5	63	8	48 0	40 10	67	2	50	14	42	2	36
37	33	5	64	12	49 0	41 9	67	8	51	5	42	11	37
38	34	6	66	1	50 1	42 8	67	14	51	13	43	5	38
39	35	8	67	6	51 3	43 8	68	4	52	5	43	15	39
40	36	11	68	12	52 5	44 9	68	11	52	14	44	10	40
41	38	0	70	3	53 8	45 11	69	3	53	8	45	6	41
42	39	6	71	11	54 12	46 14	69	12	54	3	46	4	42
43	40	13	73	4	56 1	48 2	70	6	55	0	47	3	43
44	42	5	74	13	57 6	49 7	71	0	55	14	48	4	44
45	43	14	76	7	58 12	50 13	71	11	56	13	49	6	45

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1. (a) Largo e Mesto.....L. v. Beethoven.
   (b) Rondo alla Turca .....W. A. Mozart,
   (Mr. FELIX STERNBERG.)
2. Song...Lend me your aid.....Ch. Gounod,
   (Mr. EDGAR FAULKNER.)
3. (a) Barcarolle.....F. Sternberg.
   (b) Prelude in D flat.....Fr. Chopin.
   (c) Valse C sharp minor ...
   (Mr. FELIX STERNBERG.)
4. Song...Good Night .....Rubbinstein.
   (Mr. EDGAR FAULKNER.)
5. (a) Impromptu in E flat .....Fr. Schubert,
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P. DE BURE,
Agent.
Bombay, 4th March, 1903.

THE ANCHOR LINE S. S. "ASIA" has ARRIVED from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL, and DISCHARGES in the PRINCE'S DOCK.
CONSIGNEES are requested to PRESENT THEIR BILLS of LADING for our COUNTER-SIGNATURE, and to TAKE DELIVERY of their GOODS without delay.
Packages exceeding 30 cwts. in weight will be landed on the quay at the risk and expense of Consignees, unless Boats are sent alongside to take delivery without delay.
Consignees are hereby expressly notified that all claims for damage must be adjusted by the Steamer's Surveyor before the Goods are removed from the Landing Shed. The Undersigned decline all responsibilities in respect of Goods removed othe Unclaimed Warehouse. All claims must be presented before the sailing of the Steamer, otherwise none will be entertained.
Captain MACFADYEN will attend every morning.

W. & A. GRAHAM & CO.,
Agents.
Graham's Buildings, Bombay, 4th March, 1903.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT, BOMBAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 1st April, 1903, is appointed for the declaration of 2nd and FINAL DIVIDENDS in the matters of the undermentioned Insolvents' Petitions.—

RE LADHA BHARMAL.
" PEREIRA JOSEPH BRAIZE.
" ALLIDINA JAFARBHOY CUTCHI.
" JAKARIA AHMAD HAJI SAJAN.
" ALI MAHOMED ABDUL RAHIM.
" VINAYAK RAGHUNATH BHANDARE.
" NANALAL BHOGILAL MASTER.
" JAVERBHOY JEWRAJ.

Creditors of the abovenamed Insolvents, who have not proved their claims, are informed that, unless they prove their claims in the office of the Official Assignee before 11 A. M. on the 15th April, 1903, the Assets in his hands will be distributed without reference to their claims amongst those Creditors, who have proved their claims.—Dated 4th March, 1903.

C. W. L. JACKSON,
Clerk of the Court.

REWARD Rs. 100.

THE ABOVE REWARD is offered for the RECOVERY of a LEATHER BAG and its CONTENTS belonging to the Honourable Mr. E. T. CANDY, C.S.I., STOLEN from the Victoria Terminus on the Evening of the 25th January, 1903. The description of the Bag is as follows:—
A Drew's best brown Leather Bag with Letters, C. and Y. painted on it in black letters.

CONTENTS.

Jaeger combinations.
A warm cloth suit (Coat, vest and Trousers) light colour
One Volume of Mr. S. M. Edwardes' History of Bombay.
Two Small Volumes of Brownings Poems.
The Universities Commission Report.
Three months letters from Mrs. Candy (October to December, 1902.
A bundle of letters from and to (Copies) P. R. Buchanan and Co., 45, Leaden Hall Street, London, signed by or addressed to A. Bryans.
Some correspondence with people in Ceylon, J. F. DeSaran, Esquire, and others and a bond executed by Mr. Russell-Lelley, in Mr. Justice Candy's favor.

J. G. WARD,
Supdt. of Police, G. I. P. Ry.

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY REMOVED my OFFICE from 20, Hummum Street, to the FIRST FLOOR of MARKER BUILDING, APOLLO STREET, next to Messrs. Latham & Co's Office.

J. B. MACFADYEN,
Marine Surveyor.
1st March, 1903.

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Bombay, 5th March, 1903.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LONDON, MARCH 3.

SECURITIES—

2½ per cent. Consols	£92 ex	= — 1/4
3 per cent. Rentes	£19 3/4	= unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan	£106 1/2	= — „
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£86	= „

SILVER—

Spot in London	22 5/16	= + 3/16
2 months hence	22 1/4	= + 1/8
Spot in New York	48 1/4	= + 1/4

EXCHANGES—

Paris Cheques	25·15½	= + ⅛
Berlin „	20·23	= unchanged
New York Demand	4·87 1/4	= „

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	4	per ct = „
3 months sight Bank Bills	3 1/2	pr ct = „
6 „ „ „	3 3/8	pr ct = „
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 7/8	pr ct = „
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills	3 7/8	pr ct = „

INTEREST—

Day to-day loans	3 5/8	pr ct = „
7 day market loans	3 3/4	pr ct = „

Extra Council Bills allotments—Bills on Madras Rs. 10,000 at 1s. 4 3-32d.

METALS,

Copper Braziers £69.
Rubber.—Para Rubber, 3 9 1-2.
Yellow metal 6 1-8.
Tin Plates 1:s.
Bar Iron Belgian £5 3.
Iron Corrugated Sheets £11-5.
Basic Steel Bars £5-4.
Wheat afloat for U. K. 2,450,000.
Rapeseed.—Yellow Guzerat 35 1-4 Apl.-May. Sellers. Tone firmer.
Rapeseed.—Yellow Cawnpore 35 1-2 Apl-May. Tone, Sellers firmer.
Linseed Bold 42 3-4 April-May. Sellers. Tone steady.
Coffee in New York 5 5-8.
Arrivals.—Steamer Lord Kelvin.

In Liverpool.—

Cotton Market closed easier. Surats quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 8,000. Spot 5·42 + 6. Sold on speculation and for Export 500. Imports 19,000. Arrivals closed feverish.

Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July.
5·24 −1	5·25 −1	5·26 −1	5·28 −1

July.-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct. Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·28 —	5·18 +1	4·90 +4	4·68 +3	4·63 +4

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	30 000	bales.
Do. last year	34,000	„
Exports to Great Britain	3,000	„
Continent	2 000	„
Mid-Uplands	10·45	plus 10
Futures, month of March	10·16	−5
Do. do. July	9·82	−7½

In New Orleans—

Spot	9 13-16	— 1-16
Futures month of June	9·93	— 8
Do. September	9·10	
Tone at close	irregular.	

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 3rd March 1903 :—

Cotton	20,267 bales.
Wheat	23,527 cwts.
Linseed	5,926 „
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	890 „
Gingellyseed	14,217 „
Poppyseed	1,071 „
Groundnuts	1,214 „
Castorseed	3,895 „
Rice	6,557 „
Myrabollams	4,653 „
Cottonseed	11,034 „

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Silver Bullion Rs.1,51,289 ex s s Coromandel from Australia.
do Rs. 75,602 do. do.
Gold Coin Rs. 11,22,000 do. do.
Silver Bullion Rs. 3,01,950 ex s s Caledonia from London.

BOMBAY, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.

EXCHANGE—Tone steady.

Bank T.			1s. 4 3-32d.
Bank Demand			1s 4 1-8d.
Credit Bills	3 Months Sight	D. A.	1s. 4 5-16d
Do	6 do	do	1s. 4 7-16d
French Francs	3 do	do	171
Marks	3 do	do	159 1-4
Hongkong	30 Days'	Sight.	116
Shanghai	30 do	do	158
Japan	30 do	do	149 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 percent—Tone steady.

Cash	Rs.	98 6
1st Settlement	Rs.	98 10

Money Market—Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 2nd October	4	per cent
Bank of Bombay do. 19th February	8	do.
Bank of Bengal do. 19th do.	8	do.
Bank of Madras do. 10th do.	8	do.

SEEDS.

Linseed.—Tone steady			Rs.	a.	Rs. a.
Ready ...	...	...	7	7	
Forward April-May ...		...	7	7	
Rapeseed.—Tone steady.					
Brown Cawnpore Ready ...			5	5	to 5 6
Yellow Cawnpore Ready ...			5	12	
Do. Gujarat Forward, April-May		...	6	3	
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.					
Ready ...		...	7	10	to 7 11
Forward April-May ...			7	5	
Castorseed—Tone steady.					
Ready		...	22	8	
Forward April-May.		...	23	4	to 23 8
Groundnuts—Tone steady.					
Ready		...	34	4	
Gingellyseed.—Tone quiet,					
15 per cent. Mxd. Ready ...			32	8	
25 „ „ „ ...			32	0	
50 „ „ „ ...			30	8	
Black Kutnee „ „ ...			29	4	

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone	Easier.
Estimated sales	8,000
Total imports	17,000

March-Apl.	Apl.-May	May.-June.	June-July
5-18	5 80	5·23	5·23
−6	−6	−5	−5

July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sep.-Oct	Oct.-Nov.	Nov-Dec.
5-22	5-12	4 85	4 63	4·58
−6	−6	−5	−5	−5

COTTON.—The market is easier to-day following home advices. The enquiry has fallen off and only a moderate business is reported at Colaba. Prices are partially Re. 1 lower.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association Limited :—

Bengals H. G. (Ry. terms)	175	163	...	25 March
Bengals M. G. (Ry. term)	184	174	...	do.
Sind-Punjab (M. G)	184	174	...	do.
Belatí M. G	192	185	...	do.
Khandesh M. G.	...	179	171	do.
Damangaum Poolgaum MG.	200	192	...	do.
Nagpur Kamptee	200	192	...	do.
Akola (M. G.)	196	187	...	do.
Khamgaum do				
Karanja do				
Broach M. G.	233	226	219	do.
Bhowmugger M G	210	200	...	25 May.
Do H. G.	207	197	182	do
S.-G. Dharwar	...	...	221	do.
Westerns	...	...	207	do.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MARCH 3.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed easier. Surats quiet.
The Manchester Market has been firm.

2¾ per cent. Consols	92 ex
3 per cent Rentes	99 3-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	106 1-2
4 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	66
Bar Silver	22 5-16

THE secretary of the Automobile Club was present at the meeting of the Kildare County Council when a resolution was carried approving of the race for the Gordon-Bennett Cup. The secretary said that the club would give £1,000 for the purposes of road improvement. The race will probably take place on July 9, the date proposed by the club, as Germany and America have already expressed their approval, so that there must be a majority of votes in favour of that date.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. , for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

EUROPE.

BIRTH.

FOSTER—February 25, at Florence, Italy, the wife of H Foster, Bengal Civil Service, of a daughter.

DEATH.

MURRAY—February 25, at Shenley Herts, John Cameron, the infant daughter of Gerald A Murray, aged 9 months.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

DUNCAN—EDWARDS—February 26, at St Columba's Church, Darjeeling, by the Rev H Kilgour, B D, Darjeeling, assisted by the Rev J A Graham, M A, Kalimpong, the Rev Henry C Duncan, M A, Darjeeling, to Rose Alaie, eldest daughter of the Rev J Edwards, M A, General Assembly's Institution, Calcutta.

DEATH.

JONES—February 24, at the Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta, Winifred Frances Jones, late of Digah, Dinapore.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 17m. Sun sets, 6h. 6m. High water, 2-47m., 3-28s. Low water, 8-47m., 9-18s.
Municipal Corporation, 3 p. m.
Bombay Millowners' Association, ballot for an Improvement Trustee.
Bombay Hunt, Santa Cruz.
Indian Police Commission Meeting, New Secretariat.
Evening Entertainment to Sir Harkisondas Narotandas, Westfield, Bresch Candi, 9 p. m.
Bombay Natural History Society, 5-30 p. m.
Mrs. Annie Besant's lecture, Novelty Theatre 5-45 p. m.
Bombay Yacht Club Regatta.
Third Afternoon Concert of Felix Sternberg, Masonic Hall, 5-45 p. m.
Reception to Mrs. Annie Besant at China Bag, Girgaum Back Road, at 8-45 a. m.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamers Lalpoora, Indravaty, Crocodile, and Egremont Castle entered and the steamers Euphrates and Indravaty left the Dock yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamers Indrasani Weissenfels entered and the steamers Conch, Clan Monroe, Clan Mackenzie, and Knight Errant, left the Dock yesterday.

SLEEPY SHOP KEEPER.—Janmahomed Jivan, a shopkeeper of Bhendy Bazaar Road, has reported to the Police that whilst he was asleep in the shop on Tuesday afternoon, some one walked in and made off with his coat containing a gold watch and chain and other property, the whole being valued at Rs. 311-8-0.

THE KHOJA SAJUNBHOY MEHRALLY'S CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—During the month of February the number of Khoja patients treated in this Dispensary was 1649. Among them the number of new admission was 333 ; classified as stated below :—Khoja 108 men, 109 women and 116 children. The average daily attendance was 59.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Daressalem, Zanzibar, Tanga, Mozambique, Beira, and Delagoa Bay per extra s. s. "Reichstag" will be closed at the General Post Office at 9 a. m. —Mails for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Daressalem, and Zanzibar, per extra s. s. "Patiala" will be closed at the General Post Office at 10 a. m. on Saturday the 7th inst.

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.—A meeting of the members will be held this afternoon at the Society's Rooms at 6 Apollo Street at 5 30 p. m. when the following papers will be read :—1 Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902. 2. Size of remarkable trees, by G. Marshall Woodrow. 3. Food of Centipedes, by W. P. Okeden. 4. Note on the breeding of certain Herons etc., in Southern India, by Capt. H. N. Packard, R. A. 5. The Common Snakes of Bombay by the Revd. F. Dreckmann, S. J. and W. S Millard. 6. Fleas and the Plague, by Capt. W. G. Liston, I. M. S.

DECLARED VAGRANTS.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Favai of the Criminal Investigation Department, charged Frank B. Wilson and George Gillori, Europeans, with begging for alms in the public streets, and with wandering without any visible means of subsistence. Mr. Favai said that for some time past European vagrants had become a sort of nuisance to the public. He had, therefore, been placed on special duty to detect the vagrants. The first accused stopped a European gentleman near the Sailors' Home, Apollo Bunder, last week, and asked for money. The same gentleman was accosted by the second accused near the Victoria Terminus for the same purpose. Both the accused admitted being without employment. They were declared vagrants and sent to the Workhouse.

KNOCKED DOWN BY A TRAIN.—At the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital yesterday, Mr. P. Byrne, the Coroner, conducted an inquest, relative to the death of Baboo Shive, a Hindu, aged thirty years. The deceased lived at Stone Bunder. On the 18th February last Baboo was washing clothes at the hose pipe for watering engines in the Victoria Terminus Station yards, when a passenger train came up and knocked him down, fracturing his skull. There was only a space of three feet between the hose pipe and the outer rail of the nearest line on which the train passed. The deceased was standing in that space washing clothes with his back to the line, when the accident occurred. The injured man was conveyed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he died on Tuesday. It was stated that the deceased was a trespasser, for the public were not allowed to wash clothes at the hose pipe. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

BISHOP OF DAMAUN AT BASSEIN.—At the church of our Lady of Grace, Papdy, Bassein, the seat of "Varado," on Saturday evening, a large and representative gathering of the Catholics of the several churches met to receive the Archbishop of Cranganore and Bishop of Damaun. At the entrance to the church, which was decorated and illuminated, Mr. Hilary Lawrence Pereira read and presented an address to which his Grace replied in suitable terms. The address referred to the great sacrifices made by the Portuguese nation and missionaries in the past to propagate the faith and stated that the present condition of their land, the birthplace of St. Gonsalo Garcia and of that martyrs of Agashi appealed imploringly for help to him and to the monarch, who had sent him for their good. The address suggested that religious orders of men and women should be invited to open schools and convents in his Grace's diocese.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	3	5	10
B Mandvi, Chakla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	23	22	43
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Panaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	51	41	65
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpetty, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmi	26	17	25
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	61	49	66
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	14	14	22
G Mahim and Worlee	24	23	33
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	11	17
Total	208	182	281
Total plague deaths to date	216,837	107,970	
Same date last year	171	117	254

FLORILINE.—FOR THE TEETH AND BREATH.—A few drops of the liquid "Floriline" sprinkled on a wet tooth brush produces a pleasant lather, which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness, and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. "The Fragrant Floriline" being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs is delicious to the taste and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale Depot. 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the Court yesterday.

RE MAHOMED MEHDI THARIA TOPUN.

Mr. Raikes, for the insolvent, applied for an interim order. Mr. Kirkpatrick, for some creditors, opposed the application. His lordship refused an interim order without prejudice to a further application being made within one month.

RE VITHAL ALIAS CHATTURBHUJ MEGHJI.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, applied for an extension of the interim order, which was granted.

RE BHUKANDAS LALUBHOY AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Stenhops Bayley, for the second insolvent, applied for an extension of the interim order for one month. His lordship granted the application.

RE JAVERILAL CHAGUMAL AND ANOTHER.

Mr. Raikes applied for a postponement of the hearing. His lordship granted the application and postponed the discharge of the insolvents till the hearing of the appeal made by the insolvents from an order of the Commissioner.

RE DEWJI PUNSI SHA.

On the application of Mr. Kothare the insolvent was granted an extension of the interim order, with leave to amend the schedule.

RE SULLEMAN GULAM HUSSEIN.

Mr. Jinnah, for a creditor, applied for two months' postponement of the hearing of the matter on the ground that the insolvent was in hiding, and his client had not been able to serve him with the notice issued by the Court for his examination. His lordship granted the application.

RE KHOSHRU N. BANAJI.

Mr. Rustom Wadia, for the insolvent, applied for a fortnight's postponement, with leave to serve notices and to amend the schedule. The application was granted.

RE MORARJI LALJI.

Mr. Bhandarkar, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained leave to serve notices on the creditors.

RE JUGALDAS DAMODERDAS.

Mr. Arcesir Espadis, for the insolvent, applied for leave to serve notices and for a postponement of the hearing for two months. The learned counsel said that, out of 107 creditors, only a few had remained unserved. The application was granted.

RE JAKARIA HAJI JUSAL.

On the application of Mr Kothare, the insolvent was granted an extension of the interim order, with leave to amend the schedule and to serve notices.

RE ISMAILJI ABDUL KADAR.

Mr. Bhandarkar, for the insolvent, applied for leave to serve notices, which was granted.

RE CHUNILAL CHAGANLAL SHA.

Mr. Bhandarkar, for the insolvent, applied for an extension of the interim order, with leave to amend the schedule, which his lordship granted.

RE WAGHJI VALABHDAS.

On the application of Mr. Kothare, the insolvent was granted the usual interim order.

RE MORARJI MULJI.

Mr. Kothare, for the insolvent, asked for the usual interim order, which was granted.

RE J. H. PINTO.

On the application of Mr. Kothare, the insolvent was granted a rule nisi, calling upon the creditor to show cause why he should not be granted his personal discharge.

RE JIVAN TRIBHOWAN.

On the application of Mr. Kothare, the insolvent was granted the usual rule nisi for a discharge.

RE SUNDERJI MULJI.

Mr. Manker, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained an interim order with leave to serve notices.

DISCHARGES.

The following insolvents were granted their personal discharges :—Hirji Huseraj and others ; Jivraj Nagji ; Abdul Rahiman ; Ladhu Pitamber ; Dinsha Pestonjee Todywalla ; Tar Mahomed Haji Oosman ; and William B. Walker.

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, MARCH 4.

Wednesday.—The barometer has risen rapidly to very rapidly in Upper India and the depression in the Punjab has partly filled up, but conditions are still unsettled in the Upper India Hills where the increase of pressure has been less than in the plains. A storm has given light falls of rain in the West Himalayas and light snow has continued falling in further Kashmir. The barometer has fallen briskly in the Brahmaputra Valley and a shallow depression is lying at the foot of the Eastern Himalayas and rain has been received in Bengal and Assam but the only important falls are 4 1-2 inches at Cherraponjee and 3 inches at Silchar. The excess of temperature in the Punjab is disappearing. The mean temperature of the past 24 hours was in considerable to large excess in North-East India, the excess being shown chiefly in the minimum or night temperature.

SUMMARY.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH MARCH.

Pressure observations show a brisk to rapid rise in Sind, the Punjab, the United Provinces, Rajputana, Central India and at Dwarka, Rajkot, Saugor, Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad, Khandwa and Nagpur and slight changes elsewhere. Pressure is still from half a tenth to a tenth below normal to the north of Latitude 25°.

Winds are very variable in direction and the force has been fresh to strong at Deesa, Jamnagar and Ratnagiri.

Temperature.—The excess noticeable in the day and night temperatures for the last few days has disappeared and the temperature is now about normal in most places. The maximum ranged from 102° at Cuddapah to 78° at Dwarka and the minimum from 51° at Jacobabad to 77° at Cochin.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is almost clear in all districts. Humidity changes are unimportant.

Rain.—None recorded at any station.

Weather in the north-west is settling down gradually and tends to become normal.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

The report of the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the half year ended 31st December last states :—

The net profits for that period, including dols. 1,437,740.88 equal Rs. 17,25,289 balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts, amount to dols. 4,221,525.37 equal Rs. 50,65,830. The Directors recommend the transfer of dols. 750,000 equal Rs. 9,00,000 from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Silver Reserve Fund, which Fund will then stand at dols. 5,500,000 equal Rs. 66,00,000. After making this transfer and deducting Remuneration to Directors there remains for appropriation dols. 3,456,525.37 equal Rs. 41,47,830, out of which the Directors recommend the payment of a Dividend of One Pound and Ten Shillings Sterling per Share, which at 4-6 will absorb dols. 533,333·33 equal Rs. 6,39,999, and a Bonus of Ten Shillings Sterling per Share, which at 4-6 will absorb dols. 177,777·78 equal Rs 2,13,333. The difference in Exchange between 4-6, the rate at which the Dividend and Bonus are declared, and 1-7, the rate of the day, amounts to dols. 1,309,941.53 equal Rs. 15,71,929.

The Balance dols. 1,435,472.73 equal Rs. 17,22,569, to be carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

Mr. A. J. Raymond has been elected Chairman for the year 1903 and Mr. H. E. Tomkins, Deputy Chairman. Mr. A. Haupt and Mr. H. W. Slade having resigned their seats, on leaving the Colony, Mr. C. Michelau and Mr. G. Balloch have been invited to fill the vacancies. Mr. N. A. Siebs, Mr. H. Tomkins and Mr. H. Schubart retire in rotation, but being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.

The accounts have been audited by the Honourable C. S. Sharp and Mr. W. Hutton Potts ; the latter has been acting in the place of Mr. F. Henderson, who has left the Colony. Mr. F. Henderson has now resigned, and the Honourable C. S. Sharp and Mr. W. Hutton Potts offer themselves for re-election.

A LANDED proprietor, S. Golubkow, and his coachman, living near Odessa, recently had a remarkable adventure. Mr. Golubkow was driving out to inspect his farm, when the carriage was attacked by eight wolves, which killed the horses. The two men, to save themselves from a like fate, overturned the carriage and took refuge under it, where they remained for sixteen hours. At the end of that time a band of rescuers headed by Golubkow's own son found them. They had been directed to the spot by the barking of the dogs, which had given alarm on the non-return of their master and which led the party to the spot where the two men were lying hidden.

THE PLAGUE, "GODDESS" OF WORLI.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

AT the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday afternoon, Superintendent Barnett again charged Bhagirthi, a Hindu woman, and two men, named Govind Dhondoo and Juli Gsinoo with causing public nuisance, and thereby committing an offence under Section 268 of the Indian Penal Code. The Court was again crowded by people. Mr. Nicholson, Public Prosecutor appeared to prosecute ; while Messrs. Velinker and Kothare defended the accused. Mr. Crawford, of Messrs. Crawford Brown and Co., solicitors, with Mr. Turrer, the Health Officer, watched the proceedings on behalf of the Municipality.

Before the arrival of the Public Prosecutor Superintendent Barnett informed the Magistrate that the police did not desire to press for a severe punishment ; and added that as far as the police were concerned the prosecution would be satisfied if a nominal sentence was passed on the accused persons undertaking not to return to the place where they had shifted.

Mr. Velinker said he was ready to give an undertaking demanded by the police, but he would object to even a nominal punishment being inflicted on his clients.

At this stage Mr. Nicholson arrived in Court, and had a consultation with Mr. Crawford and Mr. Velinker. The parties, however, would not come to any agreement and the case was proceeded with.

Keshew Ansjee, Police Jemedar No 1749G, examined by Mr. Nicholson said he knew all the accused in the case. About a fortnight ago while he was on duty at Worli Pakhady Road, he saw the accused Bhagirthi and questioned her as to what She was doing. A manoap had been put up in front of the hut in which the accused lived and there was a large crowd around it. The mandap was on the side of the road about four paces away. A "nishan" (flag) was flying over the mandap. This was on the day preceding the Maha Shivratri holiday. The witness questioned Bhagirthi as to who she was and where she came, to which she replied that she was "Maha Kalf" of Calcutta, that she was in Bombay for the last seven years, and that as nobody took any notice of her or provided her with a suitable abode since her arrival here plague commenced. She further stated that she was hidden until then, but now she had come forward and that if the people held a fair in her honour, rode her on a buffalo, and offered her one candy and a quarter of cooked rice, she would make plague disappear. But if that was not done plague would go on increasing. She also said she could cure plague cases. She told all this to the crowd in a loud and chanting tone. The second accused who was the son-in-law of the "Goddess" used to repeat the same thing to the crowd. The third accused also used to explain to the people what the "Goddess" said. They shouted out in order that all might hear what she said. The witness saw many people go to the first accused and offered her cocoanuts. He also saw 4 plague patients brought to her. He saw the how she cured plague patients. She bit the bubo of a patient who was a man, gave him slaps on the face or forehead, and told him to walk away, as she said he was cured. The patients were carried away in the same manner as they were brought. They were helped by others both while coming and going. The crowd trampled upon small trees and plants and did damage to surrounding properties. Persons suffering from plague were mixed up with the crowd. On the first day when he visited the place there were three plague cases. She operated on them one after the other at the intervals of five minutes. The crowd was so large that he could not have controlled it without assistance. He went there again on the next day, when there was a larger crowd than on the previous day. After the institution of the police proceedings the "Goddess" had bolted from the place and gone to reside at Worli Koliwada. There were houses in the neighbourhood of her former residence.

Cross examined by Mr. Velinker witness said that when he visited the place on the first occasion he was in plain clothes. He entered the mandap, because there was a large crowd and considerable shouting about it. This he considered a justifiable warrant for him to enter the place. Large crowds had collected on the roads and he wanted to find out the cause of it. He was moreover authorised by Inspector Cauty to enter the place. The authority was not given in writing but it was verbally given. The witness did not consider the mandap a private residence. The mandap measured 15 feet by 10 feet and was open on all sides. He did not know to his own knowledge who erected the mandap. It was not a lovely spot. The flag flying over the mandap was not of ochre colour but of red. It was just like a "nishan" generally seen floating over Hindu temples in the city. When he entered the hut he found the woman behaving just like one possessed of spirit. She was talking in the way a woman possessed would talk. The witness did not believe in what she woman said, but the people who had collected there were talking amongst themselves that what she said was true. Cocoanuts were offered to her, and the witness saw some of them being broken on a stone near the flagstaff inside the mandap. The woman did not ask for money but the other accused used to collect money in a dish from those who came there to visit her. The skin of the bubo did not appear to burst by the bites given by her. After biting the bubo slightly she used to throw red oxide of mercurry on it, place in betle nut, and press it. She then gave two or three slaps to the patient. The witness saw a patient undergoing all these operations. To his knowledge no money was taken, but there was a dish in which people used to throw money. If Bhagirthi had told the crowd to go away, they would have listened to her and left the place. There were about 150 persons in the mandap. The witness did not fear when he went there that he was endangering his life by coming in contact with plague patients.

Re-examined by Mr. Nicholson : There were bad characters in the crowd. There were two cases of pick-pocket.

Krishna Ramjee, lardlord of the accused Bhagirthi, stated that fifteen days or a month ago Bhagirthi obtained from him a piece of ground for the purpose of erecting a mandap in front of her hut

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1903.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL.

LAMENTING over the disappearance of Old Bombay, in his "Glimpses," Mr. James Douglas wrote: "We have still the Cathedral. Its preservation to our time is merely the result of an accident; for, had it not been built within the walls, it would inevitably have gone by the board like the first Roman Catholic Cathedral and the first Temple of Mombadevi. Let no edifice ever supplant the venerable building which is hallowed by time and sacred associations." It is a sentiment which appeals to most of us, and one which at Tuesday evening's meeting was but summarily dismissed. St. Thomas's Cathedral is one of the oldest churches in India and, as the Bishop remarked, a landmark in the development of Bombay. But there are many reasons why another edifice must supplant it—and on another site. Indeed, the chief cause of the agitation in favour of a new building gathering strength was that the noises of the street interfered with the conduct of Divine Service. This being so we disapprove entirely of the form taken by the resolution of Tuesday evening. "That this meeting approves of the proposal of the Trustees of the Cathedral to take steps towards the provision of a new Cathedral in Bombay which would more adequately represent the Church in the Diocese than the present one, if found practicable on a more suitable site." This is the phraseology "If found practicable on a more suitable site." As there is absolutely no intention on the part of the Trustees to build on the present site the closing words of the resolution are idle. The Rev. Canon Hill apparently took them seriously. He told the meeting that they could build a new Cathedral on the present site—about forty feet longer than the existing building and about thirty feet broader. What worshippers would do meantime no suggestion was offered. To build a new cathedral, a cathedral worthy the city on the old site, is absolutely impossible and the mere suggestion is absurd. We do not suppose that any one of the Trustees ever gave the proposal a moment's serious thought. It will not admit of it. In considering the new scheme, therefore, let us dismiss it from our minds and confess candidly that one project, and one project only, is before the church-going public—that is to build a new and magnificent cathedral on the site on the Crescent, as Government is not likely to hand over the whole of it as any Government but that of a province might reasonably be expected to.

Bishop Mylne was opposed to interfering with the present Cathedral because of its historic associations. Sir George Oxinden designed it. Its foundations are at least coeval with the earliest events of the history of Bombay. Sir John Child, who should have carried on the work after Oxinden's death, misappropriated the funds. Chaplain Cobbe denounced him, though he brought no specific charges against any individual. He was suspended for treason, but he caused the Cathedral to be completed when for thirty years "the walls five feet high, stared every body in the face, a grim reproach at which the passer-by wagged his head, cursed Child, and doomed this remnant of his church to the dogs, bandicoots, and badmashes of all sorts and sexes who prowled about this corner of the Bombay Green." Though designed in 1669, it was not until 1718 that the present edifice was erected. But in the less than two hundred years which have elapsed since its completion the tableture on its walls recall many of the most remarkable scenes in the history of Bombay. "Men have been here and on this very spot," writes Mr. Douglas, "who have widely extended the margin of history and the bounds of philosophic research. As we tread these silent aisles we seem to hear voices coming back from the ancient days, for you need not doubt that Clive and Nelson and Wellington have all been here though history records it not . . . Arthur Wellesley on bended knees with Aungier's silver chalice at his lips may have thanked Almighty God for his great deliverances at Argaum and Assaye from battle, murder, and sudden death. Mackintosh may have breathed the words he afterwards penned at Tarala. . . . or Napier may have here stammered out 'I have conquered Sind, but I have not conquered myself.'" These associations, dwelt upon feelingly by a non-churchman, were but glossed over on Tuesday evening. There was no help for it, for the urgent necessity for making provision for present and future worshippers had to be faced. The only cause left open to the Bishop was to look at the subject for a strictly practical, businesslike point of view, and that his Lordship undoubtedly did. He dismissed the objection to the secularisation of a consecrated site which the abandonment of the present building would involve, by saying there is no objection to the secularisation of consecrated sites provided the places of worship are not diminished. The objection would arise if what had been solemnly set apart for the service of God were resumed for secular uses without any adequate equivalent. It cannot arise if a church is transferred to another and a better site, or if a better church is erected in lieu of the one pulled down. "It happens not infrequently in England," continued his lordship, "that a site is too small for the enlargement of a consecrated mission church into a parish church, and that a new site has to be acquired in consequence on which a more adequate church can be built. Some of those present in this meeting may remember that the site on which the Church of Holy Trinity, Sonapur, formerly stood is now used as a meat market." It is a horrible thought to ponder over. But in regard to that, and the interference with graves which would be involved, his lordship remarked that it was contrary to his own judgment of what constitutes just proportion in the consideration of such a question that archæological interests should be permitted to deprive Bombay of a worthy Cathedral.

Sentimental objections to the abandonment of the present Cathedral were perhaps not disposed of quite so tenderly by his lordship as we should have liked. But those who feel with us will find consolation in the remarkably fine speech of Colonel Olivier wherein he took regretful leave of the old Cathedral as one should of the setting sun—in the full hope of a more glorious sunrise. He spoke as a layman to laymen, yet as a soulful man to men with souls. "There is," he said, "no place in Bombay that takes us so much out of our surroundings and places us so much in touch with our home memories, as the place where we find ourselves seeing the same ceremonial and listening to the same hymns and prayers which we have so often seen and heard at home. I have always felt," he continued, "when coming out of the Cathedral at night, with all the outward signs of the East shut off from us by the darkness, where one is mingled in a crowd of one's fellow countrymen, and one's eyes and ears are full of familiar sights and sounds, nearer home and nearer England than at any other time or place in Bombay; and so from its home associations alone our Cathedral, I think, ought to be very dear to us; and if it is dear to us, is it not right that we should do something for it? If we look at it, and if we look around, have we any reason to be satisfied with it as it is? I do not think there are many of us who, apart from the associations it holds for us, can honestly say that it is quite worthy of the principal place of Christian worship on this side of India." We read him and are convinced. We take leave of the old Cathedral with regret. Its day has gone, a bright, beautiful day it may have been. But we look forward to the new Cathedral as we look forward to the dawn of a day, brighter, more glorious, more purposeful, and more blessed. It may be the old Cathedral has not fulfilled all that was expected of it, and all that its founders hoped and prayed it might achieve. It may be that the crowning triumph of Christian work in Bombay is reserved for achievement to the new one, and that in it the Church may acquire the influence it ought to have and through the ministrations of bishops, priests, and deacons yet to come Christian men shall learn to pay due honour to the religion of Christians.

POPE LEO XIII'S JUBILEE.

THE celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's occupation of the Papal Chair means much to the congregation of Roman Catholic churchmen throughout the world. It has been said on many occasions that the present Pope is the most popular and the most well-beloved of those who have held that exalted position since the middle ages, and in view of the tremendous outbursts of popular enthusiasm which are always associated with Pope Leo's public appearances in Rome the statement can hardly be regarded as an exaggerated one. An atmosphere of anxiety has surrounded the present celebration. For years past the state of his Holiness' health has been such as to cause himself and those who are closely associated with him to fear that he would not live to see his jubilee. He himself, deeply impressed with the death of her late Majesty Queen Victoria, uttered a prophecy that he would not long survive her. Weak, fragile, bent with the weight of years, it was not at all surprising that anxiety for the well-being of the aged Pontiff should have been widespread. Leo XIII was born in the village of Carpinetto on March 2nd, 1810, and he was the son of Count Ludovico Pecci. His student life was attended with brilliance. At the age of 21 he gained a laurea in philosophy, and in his twenty-seventh year he was ordained priest. In six years he had become an Archbishop, in 1853 he was nominated Cardinal. In February, 1878, at the death of Pius IX, he was chosen to act as the head of the Church in all temporal matters, and on March 3rd he was crowned head of the Roman Catholic Church and assumed the title of Leo XIII. As Pope his exertions on behalf of the Church have had marked results. His reputation for diplomatic ability is great, and probably his greatest successes were due to this trait of his character. Now in his ninth decade of years, tremulous and feeble, he still retains command over himself and the affairs of the Church. He is still beloved, and as he passed through the immense gathering in St. Peter's on Tuesday, borne shoulder high and gazed over the enthusiastic throng who acclaimed him, one can forgive his manifestation of elation. Pope Leo's Jubilee is the greatest triumph of a long life of great successes.

THE CRESCENT.

AT Tuesday's Cathedral meeting Colonel Olivier made several statements with regard to the crescent site to which we would draw especial attention. Not long ago, he said, the question of what to do with land in front of the Sailors' Home came up at a meeting of the City Improvement Trust. There were several in favour of leaving it as an open space, and he was one of these; but he stated that the best way of ensuring its not being misused would be to place in the centre some building like a new Cathedral, which could not be objected to from a sanitary or from an artistic point of view. A proposal was put forward that the land should be handed back to Government, with a promise that it should not be built over. But this fell through, said Colonel Olivier, "because some of the committee felt that Government could not be depended on in the matter, and that the proper use of the land would be safer in the hands of the Trust than in those of Government." We are glad to have this fact made clear, for there were many of those who take a permanent interest in the welfare of the city, who blamed the whole Trust. We join with Colonel Olivier in regretting that the Cathedral authorities cannot take up the whole plot and re-echo the sentiment to which he gave expression, in adding:—"When we see, as we have, Government giving land to other bodies for educational or hospital purposes, I am inclined to ask why cannot Government take back the whole plot, and why can they not be trusted to maintain it or to hand it over to the Corporation for maintenance as an open space, allowing the Cathedral a site on the centre where we, Europeans, could erect a building which would be a credit to our zeal and an ornament to the city of Bombay." Men of other faiths would not complain, for Government gave land for the present Roman Catholic Cathedral, and with it a money grant in compensation for disturbance. The present Government has here an unique opportunity of perpetuating its administration, and of erecting a monument of the new reign and the new century more lasting and more worthy than the projected National Valhalla in Calcutta.

THE NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' EXAMINATION.

THE new military regulations of 1902, which necessitate an oral examination for non-commissioned officers before promotion, has suggested to Messrs. Gale and Polden, the military publishers, the desirability of the existence of a suitable text book which may be used by the soldier in his preparations. Books existed before which contained all the necessary information, but they were neither concise enough nor sufficiently to the point to be of much assistance for an examination of this kind. At any rate it is extremely unlikely that the aspirant after promotion would ever have thought of taking these volumes from the book shelves of the Garrison Library or the Reading Room, and it is most likely that he would have depended upon such information as came to him in the ordinary course of the tuition from his officers. Military text books for the officer abound, and it is but fair that the private soldier should also be allowed an opportunity of gaining a deeper insight into the secrets of his profession than he would gain upon the parade ground or from merely general observation. Probably there will be some who will assert that notwithstanding the institution of the Non-Commissioned Officers' Examination the private soldier is unlikely to wade through a mere text book, however explicit or however concise. Even if this be the case the book will still serve its purpose, for it will be a valuable aid to the officer charged with the duty of imparting instruction to candidates for the rank of Corporal or Sergeant. The book is illustrated with figures and diagrams, a glance at which will be of greater assistance to the prospective N-C-O. than the completest of oral explanations. The book contains notes on discipline, barrack duties, the duty of the guard, and the custody of prisoners; it gives the completest tuition in drill and rifle exercises, and some very useful hints on manœuvres and musketry. A very good point about it, too, is the list of questions and answers which follows each chapter. Such questions are asked as might be chosen by the Examining Board, and the soldier may rest assured of success on his examination for promotion if he can answer without mistake the whole of the interrogations which this text book contains. Those who have charge of the garrison library would do well to include upon its shelves one or more copies of this little work, which, by the way, is issued with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief.

THE Council of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations will meet in the Council Hall, Secretariat, Bombay, on Friday, the 20th inst., at 12 o'clock noon.

THE Bombay Graduates' Association have addressed a representation to the Government of India on the subject of the report of the Universities' Commission.

THE Maharaja of Kashmir has left Calcutta for a short visit to Puri.

THERE still seems some doubt as to the size of the Burma rice crop, as the latest official estimate has reduced the figures to 1,800,000 tons available for export. The demand for money to finance the movement of the crop has further fallen off during the past week.

THE "Pioneer" understands that if the Prince of Wales visits India, according to the programme provisionally sanctioned by the King-Emperor, His Royal Highness will probably arrive in Bombay early next December, but definite dates have yet to be fixed.

IN the course of a speech to the students of the Reid Christian College, Lucknow, on Friday, Sir James Digges LaTouche dwelt on the development of commercial education and referred to the possibility of granting some kind of Government recognition in the nature of a degree to students who took a commercial course.

PUBLIC opinion in Calcutta regarding the Victoria Memorial Hall question seems to be crystallising in favour of the Cathedral Avenue site; and it is now hoped that the Building Committee will see their way to adopt this compromise. Meanwhile the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce are ascertaining the opinions of members with a view to submitting, if necessary, a memorial to the Viceroy.

MR. H. F. KROHSNKYN, a Corean, has arrived at Tacoma. He is empowered to enter into contracts with New York and Philadelphia manufacturers for the supply of idols for use in Corea and China, and brings with him a number of models.

SIR THOMAS CLEEVE, of Limerick, has taken in hand the organisation of a "Yachting Carnival" on the lakes of the Shannon during the coming summer in connexion with Lord Dudley's stay in the West of Ireland. The Shannon Lakes are the finest inland waters in the kingdom for aquatic sports. Sir Thomas Cleeve is a wealthy and enterprising Irish manufacturer.

THE Canton of Geneva has recently passed a law which makes it compulsory that butchers who sell horse sausages must wrap them up in blue paper, so as to avoid confusion. The butchers are in high dudgeon, and have complained to the Federal authorities that the new law interferes with the freedom of commerce. It certainly handicaps the horse as a rival of the pig for the table.

THE late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy had many amusing experiences as a Minister of the Crown in Victoria, as, for instance, when visiting a Swiss settlement in the Colony, he inspected the local school and asked the teacher whether the children could sing. "Certainly," was the reply; whereupon to his amazement, the Swiss youngsters started in chorus a well-known Hibernian ditty, "We're Paddies evermore."

THE Prime Minister has given an undertaking to deal in the ensuing Session with the position of temporary members of golf clubs under the new Licensing Act. It will be recollected that under the Act forty-eight hours' notice must be given before a temporary member can be elected to a club, but it was not supposed at the time of the discussion on the Bill that the measure would be applied to golf clubs who habitually admit day members on payment of a fee.

SWEPT BY THE MAD TYPHOON.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE SOCIETY ISLANDS.

THE Society Islands, a South Sea Arcadia, have been devastated by a terrible hurricane. So far as may be gleaned from the accounts received the tidal wave appears to have been created by the winds, and not by a submarine earthquake, as happened in Japan seven years ago, when 10,000 people were drowned.

These Pacific islands are of coral formation. They stand scarcely 20ft. above sea level, so that a strong tide with a driving cyclone behind it would easily have caused disaster. Such tidal waves are not uncommon in the East. Kipling describes them in his poem "The English Flag," and his ringing lines call vividly before our eyes the terrible scene:—

Look—look well to your shipping! By the breath of my mad typhoon
I swept your close-packed Praya and beached your best at Kowloon!
The reeling junks behind me and the racing seas before,
I raped your richest roadstead—I plundered Singapore!
I set my hand on the Hooghli—as a hooded snake she rose—
And I flung your stoutest steamers to roost with the startled crows.

But in these islands it was more than "the stoutest steamers" that went to roost with the crows; it was the luckless people themselves, only those who took refuge in the tallest palms escaping. And now they are starving.

The Society Islands have a special interest for Englishmen. Captain Cook visited them in 1768, when he went out to observe the transit of Venus and bestowed on them their name in honour of the Royal Society. When in 1797 the first English missionaries of the London Missionary Society landed there, they found that all on the islands who had attained middle age remembered Captain Cook, and the missionaries were to them not missionaries but white foreigners of the type they had seen before. The natives hailed their coming as a source of new enrichment, not in moral gain, but material wealth, measuring the value of each missionary by the amount of hoop-iron or foreign cloth he was likely to distribute.

A QUEEN-MURDERESS.

At that time human sacrifices were common. The Queen murdered her baby, and when the missionaries protested she replied, "It is our custom."

Now, however, Christianity is the general religion. King Pomare built the first chapel in 1813, and in 1815 idolatry was abolished by statute, the family idols of the royal family being sent to London as trophies of Christendom.

When the King was converted he exercised his royal power in a peculiar manner. He had, of course, heard of King Solomon, so he determined to build a temple to rival Solomon's. He constructed out of palm timber and palm leaves an enormous barn 270 yards long by twenty broad, and erected three pulpits eighty yards apart. Here three sermons were preached simultaneously, and the South Sea king felt that Solomon in all his glory had at last been eclipsed.

France occupied these islands in 1843. Fifteen years before Queen Pomare—the King having died—asked for British protection and to be allowed to use the British flag, but Canning—then Prime Minister—replied that the use of the flag could not be permitted, but that such protection as Britain could grant to a friendly Power so far away should be given. This, of course, meant nothing, and France was quick to perceive it. A quarrel was picked with the Queen, and a French force landed. It was at first repelled, but in the end the Queen was compelled to accept French protection.

SHORT-SIGHTED POLICY.

This short-sighted policy may yet cost us dearly. For when the Panama Canal is opened the Society Islands will lie on the direct Pacific route to Australasia. Of the French occupation Mr. A. R. Colquhoun writes in his "Mastery of the Pacific":—

"The Society group are said to be among the most beautiful in Oceania, Tahiti in particular possessing lovely scenery and a fine climate, while the natives, now all Christians, are physically among the finest specimens of the Polynesian race. And yet the oppressions of a horde of incompetent and often corrupt officials, who owe their appointment to some backstairs political influence, have at times turned this paradise into a hell on earth."

An American missionary, in a book called "Islands of the Pacific," bears similar evidence:—"It became proverbial that on coming to this far-away ocean many men even from the best circles of society 'hung up their consciences off Cape Horn' and seemed to conclude that 'God did not rule west of America.'" The South wind sighed:—"From the Virgins my mid-sea course was taken,
Over a thousand islands lost in an idle main,
Where the sea egg flames on the coral and the long-backed breakers croon
Their endless ocean legends to the lazy licked lagoon."

This beautiful verse does not paint in too bright colours the loveliness of these Arcadian islands. Every traveller resounds their praises. The people are engaged chiefly in the cultivation of cocoanut palms and fishing for mother o'pearl. Copra is the dried kernel of the cocoanut, which is full of oil. Much of the ordinary olive oil of commerce is expressed from copra. As a food product it is most valuable.

A FAMOUS LEGEND.

The Polynesian legend of how the cocoanut was first discovered is well worth telling.

A young man, out hunting, found a cocoanut grove. Picking up two nuts, he took them home, and thus addressed his grandmother:—

"Grandmother, we want to know if this is good for food. If I eat of it, it may be poisonous, and I may die. I am a young man: my life is before me. You are old: your life is done. In any case you can only live a few months more. You eat it and sleep upon it, and to-morrow all men will know the value of my discovery."

This argument struck the beldame as being quite reasonable. She took the nut to her hut and slept. In the morning she slept on. And at noon she still slept. The young man wept bitterly, not for his grandmother, but because his great discovery had failed.

Men came and dug the grave for the old lady in the hut where she lay. The noise of the digging awoke her. She sat up. The gravediggers fled. She crawled into the sunlight, and the young man laughed and laughed with joy.

"Bring me more of the new food," she said. "It is sweeter than any of the foods our fathers ate. With the oil I anointed my body before I slept, and I needed no fire. Bring me more that I may eat it before you."

Thus was the value of the cocoanut discovered, and it has been the chief staple of food and commerce in Polynesia ever since.

SURELY a new broom never intended to sweep quite so clean as Police Commissioner Greene, who has just taken over his duties in New York, means to do. He goes into detail indeed. He has declared war on stout policemen. "I have noticed," said he recently, "in my visits to the different station houses and my tours about the city in my automobile, that the average policeman is well built, but there are men in the ranks so fat that they could never catch a thief. It is a serious defect in a policeman to be so fat that he cannot run."

COMPARED with other regiments of the Household Brigade, the Grenadiers would appear to possess an unenviable capacity for achieving disrepute. It was not so many years ago, it may be remembered, that the second battalion of the regiment was sent to Bermuda as a punishment. The first battalion of the regiment, which is now so prominently under notice, only returned from Egypt in 1898, and did not take part in the South African campaign. Incidentally, the present unfortunate affair has received in military circles discussion of the question whether officers doing duty in the service establishments should not appear in uniform just as if they were doing duty at a military station; and on the face of it there certainly seems no particular reason why an exception should be made in the former case. In France or Germany, of course, the notion of such a thing would be unthinkable.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE SOMALILAND CAMPAIGN.

EXTENT OF THE OPERATIONS.

LONDON, MARCH 4.

Mr. Brodrick, in reply to Mr. Hobhouse, said that large operations in Somaliland were not contemplated. There never was the smallest intention of going further than checking the advance of the Mullah in our territory. He had every reason, said Mr. Brodrick, to believe that the present force would be sufficient.

NATIVE LABOUR ON THE RAND.

AN IMPROVED POSITION.

The Native Labour Returns in the Rand have greatly improved for February, and the situation is regarded as more hopeful

PROPOSED BRITISH MINISTER OF COMMERCE.

NO ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOVERNMENT.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BOARD OF TRADE.

Replying to a motion to appoint a Minister for Commerce, Mr. Ritchie deprecated the change, but said that the Government was willing to institute an enquiry regarding the redistribution of the work of the Board of Trade and the Local Government Board. The motion was withdrawn.

MILITARY AUTOMOBILES.

A MOTOR VOLUNTEER CORPS.

The formation of a Motor Volunteer Corps has been gazetted.

THE UNITED STATES SENATE.

PANAMA CANAL AND CUBAN TREATIES.

LONDON, MARCH 3.

President Roosevelt has summoned a special session of the Senate for the 5th March to secure the sanctioning of the Panama Canal and Cuban Reciprocity Treaties which private interests have hitherto obstructed.

THE VENEZUELA AFFAIR.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

CAPTURED SHIPS RESTORED.

In the debate in the House of Lords on Venezuela Lord Lansdowne explained that the American Government was fully acquainted with the British action from the first. America has been perfectly friendly throughout.

LONDON, MARCH 4.

Great Britain has restored the captured warships to Venezuela.

THE ADEN HINTERLAND.

WITHDRAWAL OF TURKISH TROOPS.

LONDON, MARCH 3.

The British have occupied a position commanding Dthala. The Turks have withdrawn from all places claimed by Britain.

A case of plague has occurred aboard the Nowshera.

INDIA BILLS.

Tenders have been invited for India Bills of half a million sterling receivable on the 11th March, and payable in twelve months, partly to replace expiring Bills.

RUSSIA AND AFGHANISTAN.

THE DESIRE FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATION.

STATEMENT BY LORD CRANBORNE.

Speaking in the House of Commons Lord Cranborne stated that Russia communicated her desire for direct communication with Afghanistan through the Embassy in London. The correspondence cannot be presented to Parliament.

The Government is unaware of any direct communications having been made by Russian Officers to the Amir.

MR. PHIPPS' GIFT.

Lord George Hamilton, speaking in the House of Commons, stated that he had received no official communication regarding the disposition of Mr. Phipps' gift, but he believed that in view of the great benefits derived from the Pasteur Institute in the Punjab the Viceroy proposed to apply half of the gift towards a similar institute in Southern India.

THE SOLDIER'S INCREASED PAY.

INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION.

A MATTER FOR ARBITRATION.

Lord George Hamilton said that it had been agreed after conferring on the matter that India should pay an extra two-pence per head to British soldiers in India, but that India objects to pay the whole of the additional sixpence for men whose service is over three years. Lord George said that he will publish the correspondence when the details of the arbitration procedure are settled.

THE CALCUTTA VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL.

RESULT OF VOTING OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 4.

The result of voting of the members of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce on the reference made to them by the committee on the subject of the site for the Victoria Memorial Hall is as follows :—For the Cathedral Avenue site 118 votes ; for the Fort site 6 votes ; for neither site 2 votes.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GILGIT AND CHITRAL.

A telegraph line is to be built from Gilgit to Chitral next summer.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

Twenty-eight thousand eight hundred and sixty plague deaths took place in India last week, the principal increase being in the Punjab, which had 5,642 deaths.

THE CALCUTTA CORONATION.

DISTRIBUTION OF MONEY TO THE POOR

Some six thousand rupees were distributed from three centres to the poor of Calcutta to-day in commemoration of the Coronation, the recipients being eleven thousand in number. More money was available but could not be used owing to the paucity of applicants. The sums distributed to each varied from eight annas downwards.

THE TEESTA VALLEY TRADE ROUTE.

The 32nd Pioneers and a company of the Madras Sappers are to be employed to improve the Teesta Valley trade route.

THE CANTONMENT HOUSE ACCOMMODATION ACT.

MEETING OF MILITARY OFFICIALS.

POONA, MARCH 4.

A meeting of military officials under Major-General Burnett was held to-day at the District Staff Office to consider what portions of the Cantonment were to be set apart for military occupancy. Mr. Swifte, the Collector of Poona, as well as Mr. Phillips, who represented the views of the house-owners, whose petition upon the matter was drawn up by the committee appointed on Monday last, were present at the meeting. Mr. Phillips read the petition of the house-owners. It was suggested that the Bill should apply to the Cantonment, and it was felt it would be better for the house-owners when the whole thing is put upon a proper footing. That the Act is not likely to interfere with pensioners or similar persons.

Mr. Swifte brought forward certain suggestions with regard to the housing of the Civilians who require bungalows.

After some discussion the meeting was adjourned to Friday next.

POONA BOXING TOURNAMENT.

LIST OF COMPETITION AND PRIZES.

The Poona Boxing Competition will be held from the 18th to the 23rd of May. It will be open to Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and men of the regular troops in India. Major-General Burnett is appointed President. The following competitions will take place :—

Championship of India.—Catch weights. First prize Rs. 200 and second Rs. 100. No competition if there are less than eight entries.

Officers' Competition.—Heavy, light, and feather weights. Prize for each class a silver cup value Rs. 100, presented by Major Murray, Supply and Transport Corps, and Captain Lewis, Superintendent of Gymnasium. No competition unless there are six entries.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men—Bantam weights 9st. and under light 10st. and under, middle 11st. 4lbs., and catch weights. First prize for each event Rs. 150 and silver medal ; second prize Rs. 75 and bronze medal. A prize of Rs. 75 will also be given to competitors in fight in any class which the Judges consider to have been best contested.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA, MARCH 4.

Captain E. A. R. Howell, Supply and Transport Corps, from leave, relieves Major Bretherton in Kashmir.

A supply of explosives for blasting operations is being despatched to Aden.

It has been decided to replace bullocks by horses for the guns and the first line of wagons in the four heavy batteries in India. It has also been decided to convert into heavy batteries of five inch guns the existing Nos 91 and 104 companies, Garrison Artillery, thus raising the number of heavy batteries in India to six.

The appointment of an additional Staff Captain to the Mobilisation Branch of the Indian Army Headquarters has been sanctioned with a Home increase in the Subordinate Establishment as a temporary measure pending orders upon the subject of the amalgamation of the Intelligence and Mobilisation branches.

Colonel des Voeux succeeds Brigadier-General Lorne Campbell in command of a second class district, Colonel Woon, late 20th Punjab Infantry officiating at Kohat vice Colonel Des Voeux.

Brigadier-General Reid from Assam officiates in command of the Oudh district vice Major General Kitchener transferred to Lahore, Colonel McRae, 45th Sikhs, officiating in command of the Assam district vice Reid.

Colonel Muir is confirmed as Colonel on the staff, Delhi.

LORD KITCHENER'S spring tour on the North-West Frontier will probably take at least six weeks, in which case he will not reach Simla until about the middle of May. His Excellency, as already noted, will proceed straight to Quetta from Calcutta in the last few days of March, and there will be a good deal for him to see in and about Quetta, not to mention the Khojak tunnel and New Chaman. Thence, he will work up the Zoob Valley, visiting Fort Sandeman "en route" to the Derajat. In the central part of the Frontier Lord Kitchener will doubtless wish to examine the Tochi and Kurram Valleys, the Samana position and the Kohat Pass. By the time he has completed this tour he will have seen all the important strategical points, except Chitral and Gilgit, which no Commander-in-Chief has ever visited, as they are too far distant from the borderland proper.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE POPE'S JUBILEE.

STRIKING SCENES IN ST. PETER'S.

AGED PONTIFF ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCLAIMED.

LONDON, MARCH 3.

The principal celebration of the Pope's Jubilee took place to-day. He was borne through St. Peter's amidst an immense throng, and was manifestly elated at the enthusiastic acclamations.

He stood up in the Sedia Gestatoria, and blessed the kneeling crowd of fully fifty thousand people.

A FORMER CELEBRATION.

LEO AND THE MULTITUDE.

A MARVELLOUS OUTBURST.

THE following description of the scene in St. Peter's, during the appearance of Pope Leo XIII. on the occasion of the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of his accession to the Pontificate, was written by Sir John Robinson, K.C.M.G., late Prime Minister of Natal, and will be found interesting in view of the celebration of the Pope's Jubilee now proceeding in Rome :—

Rome is still as enthraling as ever to the mind attuned to its manifold charms. It is the fashion in these days to decry its present aspects, to lament its modern expansion, to vilify the innovator's hand. "Rome is spoiled." are words not seldom used by the visitor whose æsthetic ardour blinds him to considerations of health or economies. Having lived in the Eternal City when Pio Nono was King as well as Pope, and at several subsequent periods, I cannot say that Rome seemed to me one whit less picturesque or interesting as we drove from the heights beyond the Pincian early in the morning of Sunday, February 13th, 1899, to witness the Pope's reception of the pilgrims in St. Peter's. For weeks past this occasion had been anticipated with anxious eagerness. It was one of two-fold interest. The Pope was about to celebrate not only the twentieth anniversary of his accession to the Pontificate, but also the sixtieth anniversary of his First Mass as priest. For twelve years he had not shown himself outside the Vatican and had been seldom visible in St. Peter's. For twelve years the Head of the Church had been almost self-exiled from its great cathedral, during which time the splendid functions for which that august fane was famous had been, with rare exceptions, memories of the past. A Cardinal may be a Prince of the Church, and no doubt for spectacular purposes he is a very imposing and impressive personage, but he is not the Holy Father Santita, the successor of St. Peter and the spiritual ruler of Catholic Christendom. A particular interest has, moreover, centred in the personality of Leo the Thirteenth. His great age, his gentleness, the simplicity and saintliness of his life, his keen and cultivated intellect, and the charm of mystery which surrounds the recluse, have all helped to make him the most attractive and popular figure in Europe. Though sufficiently accessible when approached through the proper channels, his delicate health limits the possibilities of public or private audience, while his appearances in the Sixtine Chapel are not nearly as frequent as they would otherwise be.

Although it was known that the Pope was himself keenly anxious to celebrate his jubilee in some marked and memorable way, there was up to the last moment, no certainty that he would be able to appear. With the advent of the new year parties of pilgrims had arrived in Rome from different quarters and countries bearing tributes and messages, but the greatest demonstration of all, that organised by the many towns and religious bodies throughout Italy, was so timed as to take place on Jubilee Day itself. It was reckoned that at least sixteen thousand of these representatives took part in the Pilgrimage, and as each of them had a ticket of admission to St. Peter's, and as forty-five thousand tickets were issued to applicants, it was certain that not less than sixty thousand persons, and probably many more, were present in that mighty shrine.

SOLDIERS KEPT GUARD

and order, though there were no signs of disturbance ; dealers in rosaries offered their beads and tokens ; the grim uncouth walls and windows of the Vatican looked down on the busy scene, as blankly as they have done for three centuries. There was no crush at the entrance. According to the colour of their tickets, visitors filed off to the right or to the left, and, spared the weariness of lifting the ponderous leather curtains, found their way at once into the church which still, as Byron wrote of it when the century was young, stands alone of temples old, or alters new.

And what a scene it presented on the occasion I write of. Vast, though its spaces are, the church was filled with an ever-shifting congregation. Under the dome, and behind the high altar, tribunes had been erected for the accommodation of a favoured few, but otherwise the marble floor was occupied by a standing multitude, literally gathered from all the quarters of the earth Down the centre armed men kept an open way for the Pontifical procession. Immediately behind them rows of patient spectators were ranged four and five deep gladly ready to stand there for hours in order to secure a good view of his Holiness. Here it was impossible to move freely, but in the side aisles there was easier passage, though every buttress cornice ledge, or other coign of vantage was closely tenanted.

The composition of the crowd was, of course, its chief point of interest, as revealing the true significance of the occasion. In Rome one is ever wondering to what extent the Papacy still retains its hold over the loyalty and affections of the people, and the question is not easily answered. Foreign visitors find it difficult to penetrate the surface or to judge between the conflicting utterances of either party. The Whites and the Blacks—the Court and the Clerical, elements—are divided by such a deep line of cleavage that the mind is apt to be at fault when striving to estimate the relative st ength of either. Both sides resort to bewildering violence of language in denouncing each other. Judging by the appearance of the throng in St. Peter's, there could hardly be a doubt that to a host of people in Italy the Church is still a living power and the Pope still a revered personality. As usual in Italian churches the occupants of the building were all mixed together without regard to class, age, rank, or origin. Peers and peasants jostled each other ; the rough jacket of the rustic rubbed against the furred broadcloth of the noble ; the laces and satins of the highborn dame mingled closely with the rough homespun and the gaudy cottons of the contadina. Priests and students, eager and animated, in gowns of many hues, swarmed everywhere. Soldiers in diverse uniforms were almost as numerous. The splendid figures of the Papal carbineers stalked slowly about. Children of all ages and varieties of garb dogged the steps or burdened the arms of their elders. The ubiquitous foreigner was abundantly in evidence.

THE CEASELESS HUM OF MYRIADS.

And through and over all this packed and shifting multitude was the ceaseless hum and muffled murmer of expectant myriads. One looked in vain for signs of indifference or amusement. If enemies of the Church were there they did not let their faces betray their hostility. All seemed possessed by a vivid interest in the day's event ; all seemed heartily in earnest. As the hours crept on the tension of a common feeling became more manifest. Half-past nine had been announced as the time of the Pope's entry, but long ere the hands of the clock reached that point eyes were turned towards the crimson screen in the corner chapel on the right through which the procession was to pass.

Again and again a false report the Pope's coming sent a wave of emotion through the church ; and when the players on the silver trumpets, so seldom heard there in these days, were seen to gather in the gallery over the main entrance, the strain of suppressed emotion was quickened to almost painful intensity.

For let it be remembered that the aged Pontiff for whom we were looking had been throughout the twenty years of his reign a prisoner, though a prisoner by his own will, in the Vatican ; that to the Italian, and especially to the Roman mind, he represents a line of dignitaries who, with intervals of exile, were for nearly eighteen centuries the heads of the Church and the sovereign rulers of Rome ; that he is in their eyes God's recognised Viceregent on earth, and the possessor of special, if not superhuman, attributes, and that he embodies, to their minds, all that is holiest and highest in our mundane life. Although he had been visible at times to people of position, of influence, or of wealth, he had through all these years been rarely seen in public or by the populace. A superstitious fancy that he might not live to witness his Jubilee [illegible]ly prevailed, and the final, actual, dispersal had wiped was all the more signal when it came. Of that fancy many voices had swollen almost to The hum of crimson hangings were at last uproar when the the silver trumpets overhead drawn back, and from vously forth. Then fell a blast of welcome pealed of thrilled expectancy a moment's silence—the hush —followed by a growing tumult of cries as the procession slowly field in.

LEO'S ARRIVAL.

The soldiers, the choristers, the priests, the surpliced acolytes, the mitred prelates, the purple Monsignori, the scarlet cardinals, the richly clad officials, the gorgeous vestments, the flickering candles, the pervading incense,—all seemed commonplace and familiar in anticipation of the closing figure, for which all eyes were straining to greet, which all throats were eager ; and when, borne shoulder-high above the sea of heads, flanked in his chair of state by the snowy plumes of "flabelli," Leo the Thirteenth at last appeared frail, white, and shadowy, wearing his Papal robes and the triple crown, a roar of sound acclaimed his advent. Then ensued a scene of enthusiasm such as I have never seen equalled. All restraint was forgotten, thrown to the winds, and a frenzy of delight seized every body. Frantic shouts and cheers filled the air. Cries of "Santita" ! "Santita" ! "Il Papa" ! "Viva" ! burst from thousands of throats, while from not a few more daring lips the elsewhere impossible utterance "Papa il Re," was hurled forth, regardless of consequences. Handkerchiefs and hats were waved without intermission as long as the Pope was in view. Women knelt and wept, and men of sober mien let the tears course down their cheeks without a thought of shame. Others clasped their hands in pious ardour, or embraced with grateful joy. Children clamoured to be lifted up for a better glimpse of the spectacle. Even stolid English folk were carried away by the rapture of the moment, and one little Anglo-Saxon damsel found herself clambering up the stalwart back of an acquiescent young Roman in her eagerness to see the good old Pope.

And he looked a fitting subject for such a marvellous outburst. White, fragile, and slender, he seemed more a spirit than a man,—an apparition rather than an embodiment. For once the human form typified to the eye its particular office and associations. Here was a Pope whose outward aspect and mien were in manifest harmony with his august position and sacred calling. His dignity of bearing was matched by his benignity of expression. Of all that passionately excited throng he was, perhaps, the most moved. It was a moment he had waited for, hoped for, but hardly dared to expect. His dark Italian eyes, still keen with youthful fire, revealed the joy within ; his tall frame, enfeebled by age, but still erect was quivering with emotion. Not content like his predecessor, to dispense his blessing in somewhat angular automatic fashion while seated he rose to his feet and staying himself with one hand holding the arm of his moving throne he swept his other arm from side to side over the mass of heads before and around him audible repeating without cessation his pontifical benedictions. And this continued during the many minutes that were occupied by the slow passage to the altar the plaudits only growing in intensity, the gladness never ceasing to spend itself, until, as the throne was lowered and the Pope reached the foot of the altar to kneel and pray there, a sudden hush fell upon all, and the clamour of welcome ended.

AN ENKINDLING SPECTACLE.

It was in truth a strange and enkindling spectacle. Regarded in all its aspects, religious, historical and picturesque, it was, I think, unique. It effectually dispelled any doubt as to the reality, the magnitude, the strength of the affection which a vast number of the people of Italy cherish for their Church and its present Head. It is not my concern to consider figures or to estimate proportions. What I was convinced about, and what I desire to indicate, is that, despite political differences, the alleged spread of scepticism, and the growth of a cynical worldliness (not confined wholly, it is said, to secular circles), there is, both in Rome and in Italy, a passionate attachment to the Pope's person and office which only needed occasion to exhibit itself in the manner I have attempted to describe. Free thought and irreligion are, no doubt, as prevalent in Italy as elsewhere, and certain incongruities of profession and practice may force themselves on the attention more frequently than in countries where the ecclesiastical life is less in evidence. But that the Church and the Pope are both living powers and active, if not aggressive influences in Rome and in Italy, no one present at the Jubilee could either deny or doubt."

KATHIAWAR RACES.

SECOND DAY.

RAJKOT, MARCH 2.

The second day of the Kathiawar races was a very successful one. There was a fair number of spectators and thoughthe fields were not small the racing was interesting. The race for the Kothi Cup, presented by Mr. Quin, I. C. S., was a splendid one, there being a bare neck between the first three, Bugler just winning. Details :—

THE PONY HANDICAP. Distance—6 furlongs.

Mrs Gordon Hunter's b w g Optical (12st. 9lbs.), Churchward 1
Mr Savile's ch a p Mystic (9st. 3lbs.), Major Jameson 2
Mr Macleod's g a g Murfus (7st.), Native 3

Also ran :— Ashuni Kumar.

There was a false start, the two native boys ran the course, and only Murfus returned to run again Optical won as he liked.

THE ORIENTAL HANDICAP. Distance—1-2 mile.

1st Bo. Lancers' Polo Club's b a g Subhoy (10st. 7lbs.), Captain Savile 1
The Thakore Sahib of Virpur's b cb p Trial (7st. 10lbs.) Native 0
1st Bo. Lancers Polo Club's b a p, Melton (8st. 7lbs.), Native 0
Captain Talbot's b a p Albert (7st.), Native 0

Albert and Trial showed the way round the bend, but Subhoy stealing up on the inside had his field well in hand at the two furlong post and won comfortably by half a length. Trial was disqualified, being unable to turn the scale when weighing in, and no other jockey appeared at the scale.

THE INTERNATIONAL HANDICAP.—Distance—1 1-2 miles.

Mr Gordon Hunter's b w g Here's Luck (11st.), Owner 1
Darbar Shri Naja Wallah's br w h ShumRatan (8st 10lbs), Native 2

Here's Luck had things all his own way, and won in a canter by 100 yards.

THE KOTHI CUP. Distance—1-2 mile.

Miss Jones b a p Bogler (11st), Major Jameson 1
Mr McCudden's c a p Ganga Deen (9st. 2lbs.), Owner 2
Mrs Savile's c a p Mystic (10st. 9lbs.), Capt Savile 3
The Thakore Sahib of Virpur's c a p Ashuni Kumar (9st. 9lbs.), Karsan 0
The Thakore Sahib of Virpur's b cb p Trival (8st 12lbs.) Native 0
Cap ain Talbot's b a p Albert (7st. 7lbs.) Native. 0
Mr V S Pandit's br cb p Sultan (7st. 6lbs.), Native 0

Bugler and Mystic first showed to the front, but Gunga Deen coming up very strong in the straight, a good race ensued between these three, Bugler finally winning by a nose from Gunga Deen and Mystic, a short half length behind the winner.

THE CONSOLATION HANDICAP. Distance—1 mile.

1st Bo Lancers' Polo Club b a p Melton (9st. 12lbs.) Capt Savile 1
Capt Talbot's cap Albert (8st) Native 2
Mr V Pundit's br cb p Sultan (8st 5lbs.), Native 3
Major Jameson's g a g Boy Blue (10st. 10lbs.), Owner 0

The field kept well together for the first half mile, after which Sultan and Albert led the way from Melton, and Boy Blue dropped back. Two furlongs from home Melton gradually drew up, and won easily by three-quarters of a length.

BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE following is a preliminary list of the business to be brought forward at a meeting of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for making Laws and Regulations, to be held in the Council Hall, Bombay, on Friday, the 20th inst. at 12 o'clock noon.

I.—Questions asked by honourable members.

II.—Papers to be presented to the Council.

1. Reply to question No. 1 put by the Honourable Mr. Balaji Abaji Khare at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th September 1902.

2 Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider Bill No. 1 of 1902 : a Bill to provide for the preparation and maintenance of a record of rights in the lands of the Bombay Presidency.

III.—Bills and orders of the day :—

1. A Bills to provide for the preparation and maintenance of a record of rights in the lands of the Bombay Presidency—"Second Reading."

2 A Bill to further amend the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888—"First Reading."

3. A Bill to amend the Bombay Abkari Act, 1878—"First Reading."

4. A Bill to amend the Bombay Boilers Inspection Act, 1891—"First Reading."

5. A Bill to amend the Bombay District Municipal Act, 1901—"First Reading."

6. Rules for the Conduct of Business at meetings of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for making Laws and Regulations.—"Proposed amendment under Section 37 of the Indian Council's Act, 1861."

IV.—Notice of Motion :

The Honourable Mr. E. M. H. Fulton will propose the following amendment in the Rules for the Conduct of Business at meetings of the Council of the Governor of Bombay, held for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations, as amended at a meeting of the Council held on the 18th August 1896 and assented to by His Excellency the Governor on the 1st September 1896 :—

For the fourth paragraph of Rule 1, to substitute the following paragraph, viz. :—"The word Secretary means the officer holding the appointment of Assistant to the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs ; but all the acts which the Secretary is required or authorized to do by these rules may be done by the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs or by a Secretary, Under Secretary or Assistant Secretary to the Government of Bombay."

THE MARRYAT LAWN TENNIS CUP.

THE SEMI-FINALS.

The semi-finalists in the Marryat Lawn Tennis Cup Tournament held in connection with the Bombay Gymkhana met last evening. In the first game Rumboll met Caine. The first set was all in the first named player's favour, and he won somewhat easily by 6-4. The second set was more evenly contested, and Caine managed to win four games. Rumboll, however, carried off the rubber by 6-4. The second match between W. Reid and Cheetham provided a stiff battle. After an exceedingly close set, in which every age was keenly contested, Reid won by 6-5. Both players were in capital form, and the next set was also very exciting. The players won alternate games and the game stood four all. Cheetham then played his opponent a love game, and won the next game fairly easily making the match one set all by 6-4. The next set opened with just as much promise of an exciting finish. The players crossed over with the score one game all, and again with the score two all. However, Cheetham gave away the next game by a double fault, and this seemed to put him off his mettle, for he also lost the next game fairly easily. In the succeeding game several capital rallies ensued, and Cheetham put on some hot ones and managed to win. Reid, however, won the set and match after deuce game when the service again came to him. Both players played exceedingly well and very few chances were lost. The final will be played this evening. The following are the results up to date :—

ROUND 1.

L. Barraclough and H. C. Rumboll byes; L. Worgan beat C. H. S. Bogge, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 ; Newell gave G. W. Caine a walk over; Cheetham beat J. S. Milne, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 ; P. F. Fischer beat H. G. W. Meikle, 4-6 6-5, 6-4 ; W. Gibson and W. Reid byes.

ROUND 2.

Rumboll beat Barraclough, 6-3, 6-5 ; Caine beat Worgan, 6-5, 6-2 ; Cheetham beat Fischer, 6-2, 6-5; Reid beat Gibson, 6-5, 2-6, 6-4.

SEMI-FINAL.

Rumboll beat Caine, 6-2 6-4; Reid beat Cheetham, 6-5, 4-6, 6-3.

THE SCOTTISH CONCERT.

AT the Town Hall last evening was held one of those successful gatherings which the Scotsmen of Bombay know so well how to organise. The occasion was the Scottish Concert held for the benefit of the funds of the Bombay Scottish Orphanage and under the patronage of their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote. The attendance was most gratifying, and from the opening item there was never a doubt as to the success of the entertainment. The programme was redolent of Scotland. It opened with the strains of the bag pipe, and throughout the music whether vocal or instrumental was thoroughly reminiscent of the home land. One of the successes of the evening was Mrs. MacMillan's singing of "Caller Herrin'." She imparted to this old melody the utmost limit of vigour and feeling, and it goes without saying almost that she received an unanimous encore. Mrs. Bollam, too, gave a sympathetic and harmonious rendering of "Loch Lomond" and Captain Kendall sang with equal success Sullivan's pretty composition "Mary Morrison." Captain A. M. Moore was also heartily applauded for his singing of "Mary" (Richardson), and Mr. Marshall Reid gave a capital rendering of "Molly." The first portion of the programme was completed with a spirited duet—a fantasia on Scottish airs for the violin and piano contributed by Mrs. Millard and Mr. Astell, and a characteristically delivered recitation "Dookin'" (Jeems Kaye) by Mr. James P. Ohrystal. The interval was again enlivened by a bagpipe selection by Mr. F. S. Kerr, and the second part of the entertainment opened with the beautiful duet, "Oh ! Wert Thou in the Cauld Blast" (Mendelssohn) sang most artistically by the Misses Ward. Miss Clara Procter, who was in capital voice, contributed a charming rendering of "Ye Banks and Braes" and the vocal portion of the programme was concluded by the song "Douglas Gordon" given by Mr. Edgar Faulkner. The violin solo "Salteralla" (Papini) was given by Mr. Astell, and Mr. A. L. Rhenius brought the programme to a close with "Afton Water" given a cornet solo. The company dispersed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem. Mr. Seymour Dove played the accompaniments.

MR. FELIX STERNBERG'S CONCERT.

ATTENTION is directed to Mr. Sternberg's third concert, which will be given this afternoon in the Masonic Hall. Although the audiences at the two previous concerts were highly appreciative they were not so numerous as an artiste of Mr. Sternberg's calibre deserves, and it is, therefore, to be hoped that there will be a large gathering at the recital this afternoon.

THE late Sir Charles Gavan Duffy's family have been invited from Dublin to consent to the interment of his remains at Glasnevin, Ireland's national cemetery. The committee who control the cemetery have offered a plot in the "O'Connell Circle," as the last resting-place of the dead patriot. It is felt in the Irish capital that Glasnevin is the fitting place for the interment. O'Connell, Parnell, and James Stephens, the Fenian Chief, are buried there. The body of a colleague of Duffy's in the Young Ireland days, Terence Bellew MacManus, was brought all the way from San Francisco some forty years ago to rest in Glasnevin. Thomas Davis is buried in Dublin, but in Mount Jerome, the Protestant cemetery. It is said that Sir Charles Gavan Duffy expressed a wish some years ago that his bones should mingle with the earth of the land he loved.

ART, MUSIC, AND THE DRAMA.

THE EARL OF CREWE'S COLLECTION.

HERR KREISLER'S RECITAL.

A NEW COMEDY AT THE CRITERION.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 13.

IT is in the nature of a truism that while the public takes but a lukewarm interest in the art treasures permanently housed in our national collections, it will flock eagerly to this place or that where like objects are on view for a brief time only. Hence, though relatively few are familiar with the drawings and engravings by William Blake in the British Museum, the tidings that on March 30th Messrs. Sotheby will sell a selection of "lots"—the word is singularly inappropriate in connection with Blake—of this kind belonging to the Right Hon. the Earl of Crewe will arouse widespread interest. The members of the Blake "cult" may be, probably are, numerically small, but their enthusiasm is great in inverse proportion. From the standpoint of art, whatever be the financial result—and the finer of Blake's works are not to-day to be picked up for the proverbial song, as was the case half a century ago—the sale will be one of the most important of 1903. The [illegible]-issued catalogue is well within the mark when it describes as "original" the Blake works to be offered ; nor did Charles Lamb exaggerate one whit when he wrote, "I must look upon him (Blake) as one of the most extraordinary persons of the age." To few if any men of the 18th and 19th centuries is the world more profoundly indebted than to the son of the hosier of Broad street, Golden square, born on November 28th, 1757. In a book of reference published some years ago his poetry, his art, are dismissed as the products of a madman, and at times it must be admitted he failed to give balanced expression to the vision amid which he lived. Yet no more sane and exquisite interpretations of the joys and tragedies of life have been expressed in poem or picture than those of William Blake. He proclaimed the sovereignty of the imagination, the inviolability of the spirit. His child-songs have the dew of morning upon them, his illustrations of the joys and sorrows of age are charged with sublime passion. Beneath the exterior forms of common things he ever discerned a mighty spirit, and it was with these spirits of the universe that he held converse.

A dreamer, a visionary, a mistaken enthusiast ; such, perhaps, Blake remains to the majority of folk. But he dreamed with divine surety, visioned as none save he has done, and his enthusiasms have kindled in a hundred hearts and minds a desire for nobler, loftier endeavour. In his acts and thoughts he was sustained as is the "strong man" who in his own words, "marches on in fearless dependence on the divine decrees raging with the inspirations of a prophetic mind." If we would understand Blake's art to the full, we must answer as he did the question, "Shall painting be confined to the sordid drudgery of facsimile representation of merely mortal and perishing substances, and not be as poetry and music are, elevated into its own proper sphere of invention and visionary conception ?" His painting, his engraving "exalts in immortal thoughts." Here is his splendid word-championship of the truth of his ideas : "A spirit and a vision are not as the modern philosophy supposes, a cloudy vapour or a nothing ; they are organised and minutely articulated beyond all that the mortal and perishing nature can produce. He who does not imagine in stronger and better lineaments, and in stronger and better light, than his perishing mortal eye can see, does not imagine at all. The painter of this work asserts that all his imaginations appear to him infinitely more perfect and more minutely organized than anything seen by his mortal eye. Spirits are organized men." There we have the truth as Blake apprehended it ; and it is a phase of truth lacking apostles of which the world would be infinitely the poorer. Chief among the works by Blake in the Earl of Crewe's collection is the celebrated series of "Illustrations to the Book of Job," the final and crowning achievement of the hand that "laboured day and night" from childhood to death—he died on August 12, 1827, "singing of the things he saw in Heaven." The artist-poet thrice set himself pictorially to interpret the Old Testament poem of the chastening of Job. He executed a set of water-colours for his admiring patron, Mr. Butts, and a second set in the same medium, varying somewhat, for Linnell ; and, finally, there are the 22 engraved plates, recently placed within the reach of all lovers of the beautiful by the enterprise of Messrs. Dent.

The Crewe collection includes the 21 designs in colours bought by Mr. Butts, and proof impressions on India paper of the 22 engravings, as issued at 6 guineas in 1825. It must suffice to direct attention to one only of the designs, that illustrative of the words, "When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Joy to Blake meant creative activity, and here the border—like the others, drawn directly on to the copper plate without aid of previous sketches—contains symbols of the first six days of the world. Beneath the outstretched hands of God, the sun and moon bless the day and night that Job had cursed, and above, against a starlit sky, the sons of God stand shouting for joy. Years before Blake had designed a single figure expressive of this exultation. In the engraving there are four such figures, the upheld arms of each crossing those on either side and, as a final inspiration, the endless sequence of this singing hierarchy suggested by the introduction to right and left of the arms of those others who reach onward into the infinitudes. Beauty, passionate, sculpturesque, is here in indissoluble union with lofty pictorial significance. In addition to the Job, the collector will find the twelve inventions in colour for Milton's "L'Allegro" and "Il Penseroso" believed to be unpublished ; "Songs of Innocence" and "Songs of Experience," save for the paper produced entirely by Blake—his special method of printing from copper plates was invented in 1787 the year of his favourite brother Robert's death, to whose spirit he attributed revelation of the process ; "America, A Prophecy" 1793, and five other works executed and printed by Blake at Lambeth, a sacred place to him where he believed himself to be especially inspired ; "Designs to a Series of Ballads," published while Blake was living at Felpham, near William Hayley ; and, not to go farther, "Jerusalem, the Emanation of the Giant Albion," issued from South Molton-street in 1804. Of this "Jerusalem"—whose hundred plates in the Crewe collection are printed in reddish brown—Blake naively said it is "the grandest poem that the world contains," adding, "I may praise it, since I dare not pretend to be other than the secretary—the authors are in eternity." Even though many of the "lots" may find their way to America, the sale of the Earl of Crewe's collection will serve a good purpose if it directs attention afresh to the potent art of an impassioned seer.

This week at the St. James's Hall, Herr Kreisler gave, under the direction of Mr. N. Vert, his fourth violin recital, in which he was assisted by Mr. Hamilton Harty as pianoforte accompanist. Perhaps Herr Kreisler was altogether in quite his best form in his playing of three movements from Raff's Suite in G minor. The "Correnta," especially, was an excellent exhibition of skill and thoughtfulness combined—the skill, that is, of the virtuoso mingled with the thoughtfulness of the true artist. Herr Kreisler showed in his rendering of the work that he had realized very thoroughly the particularized form of composition for the violin, which makes Raff somewhat peculiar and individual in his musical writing. Spohr had much of the same gift, a conclusion which, for the same reason, is, of course, entirely natural. Enthusiasts for sixteenth century music, by the way, are for ever explaining a parallel point, that when you write a work with particular reference to one instrument, the improvements made in that instrument carry you far beyond the composer's original intention. Without calling Raff a big composer, you may yet say that he "knew his business." In Tartini's Fugue in A major this interpreter was in his best mood. It is a mood, if it is not too exaggerated to say so, of utter realization of the best things in this composer's art. That is to say, he went absolutely

to the line of the musical meaning purposed by the composer of the work. He neither fell short nor exceeded it. Schumann's "Garden Melody" and two of Dvorak's Slav dances (No. 7 in A major and No. 2 in E minor) were also included in the programme. These were most excellently played, and rightly received enthusiastic appreciation. The Brahms Joachim four Hungarian Dances were not so perfectly interpreted. Perhaps—if one may use the comparison with a very wide range of significance—"what is one violinist's food is another's poison;" and it may be said that the feeling which made the Brahms-Joachim original interpretations wonderful, cannot be carried through with another combination. In any case Herr Kreisler just, if only just, missed the point of the matter. It was surely in the rhythm of things, to come back to his playing of the Tartini, that he was touched with a sense of that extraordinary artist's meaning which showed the player in his keenest moment of endeavour. Tartini, when he composed in his own way, knew how his own way should be expressed; and Herr Kreisler proved that he knew that way, as near as may be, to perfection. He was enthusiastically applauded and followed, as encores, Wieniawski's Polonaise (No. 1 in D major) with another composition by the same composer and Bach's famous Aria on the Fourth String, in both of which works he excelled. To conclude, although it may definitely be said that his playing throughout the concert was of great and pure artistic value, it may be added that not at all moments was he at the highest point of his artistic accomplishment. However, this much is certain—that only for a very brief period did he touch an artistic realization not equal to himself at his best.

Mr. Carton's new play, "A Clean Slate," produced on Monday, is not another "Lord and Lady Algy" or another "Wheels Within Wheels," but it contains three characters cleverly drawn and superbly acted. The first, Mrs. Auberton, is not entirely unfamiliar. It is a Miss Compton part, that of a kindly, self-contained, and level-headed woman of middle age, who says the shrewdest and most trenchant things with an almost lethargic composure that doubles their effect. And as played by Miss Compton it scores all along the line. In the first act, which passes in a solicitors' office, Mrs. Auberton is contemplating divorce proceedings against her husband, a peculiarly loathsome person of good descent. In the second and third, which occur fifteen months later, she having obtained her divorce and endured the six months' police supervision, as she drily calls it, is staying at Ingledene Farm. Which brings us to the grand, notable character Farmer Tullidge. He is a warm-hearted and hot-tempered old fellow devoted to Mrs. Auberton, and itching to lay his horsewhip across the shoulders of her ex-husband. It is his fate to find his premises invaded, not only by Auberton, but by his equally unworthy uncle; by Mrs. Desbrook, Auberton's partner in misconduct, and, like him, divorced; and by her unscrupulous and designing mother. As long as Tullidge does not know who they are, but only that they are all there at Mrs. Auberton's bidding, nothing is too good for them, not even his cowslip wine. When their identity is disclosed he bundles his wife out of their contaminating society and lays about him sturdily with his tongue. His simple-minded denunciations magnificently delivered by Mr. William Mackintosh fairly brought down the house. The third notable character is Heble a farm hand. He is the slowest-witted of rural oafs (too slow witted indeed for soil that grows hops), and his speech is even more lumbering than his thoughts. The simplest question dumfounds him and when his answer does come the topic of conversation as often as not has completely changed. It is a wonderfully good little part; to match it we must go back to the rural policeman in "Dandy Dick" and Mr. Frederick Volpe makes no less a success in the one than did Mr. Denny in the other. The remaining characters, at any rate as acted, are not impressive. There is Admiral Desbrook, who loved Mrs. Auberton, then a girl of seventeen, a quarter of a century ago, but was too poor to speak. He does not recognize his old flame when they meet at the solicitors' to discuss the question of seeking divorces from their respective spouses now cohabiting on the Continent. But she knows him, and tactfully brings him to his bearings. If he should subject himself to the public humiliation of divorcing his wife, does Mrs. Auberton think that her husband, if also divorced, will marry her. "I shouldn't think so," drawls Mrs. Auberton, "but it would serve her right if he did." By the end of the act they have decided to file their petitions, and, when free, to give effect to the mute romance of twenty-five years back. And with this act, which might be given by itself as a complete play, the action as between them practically comes to an end.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Mahalaxmi Fort, 5th March.

1. Detail.—Orderly Sergt for to-day:—Sergt W Thomson, next for duty Corpl Murray.
2. Drills.—The following drills will take place to-day:—Morning at 6-30 a.m.—4-inch R M L and 4-inch Practice. Evening.—Fire and Squad drill.
3. The following member having rejoined is taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to No. 4 Sub-Divn No. 2 Coy:—No. 277 Gr D Moffat.

The annual inspection of the Corps will take place at Mahalaxmi Fort, on Saturday the 7th instant at 4-30 p.m., attention of members is drawn to the fact that attendance at the above inspection is compulsory. Leave of absence must be obtained in writing from the Officer Commanding Corps on medical certificate forwarded. Any member not complying with the above becomes Non-efficient for the year.

4. The Galaxe Cup competition will take place on Saturday next the 7th instant at 6-30 a.m.
5. The Wheal Cup competition will take place this evening.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Capt., R. A.,
Adjutant, A. V. B.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COLONEL R. F. NICHOLSON, A. D. C., COMMANDING B. V. R.

Camp, Santa Cruz, 5th March.

1. Detail—Orderly Officer for Thursday Capt E A Kenyon, Orderly Officer for Friday Lieut B H Hewett.
Battalion Orderly Sergt for Thursday Sergt R Osborne.
Battalion Orderly Sergt for Friday Sergt J W Gordon.
Battalion Orderly Corporal for Thursday Corpl H Netscher.
Battalion Orderly Corpl for Friday Lce Corpl W Robinson.
2. Parades—There will be no Cadet Company Parades this week, except on Saturday next, the 7th instant.

There will be a Commanding Officer's Parade daily during this week at 6-30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Santa Cruz.

Dress—Drill order, Khaki, with Putties, leather chin straps and helmet buttons.

3. Train Service—The Railway authorities have notified that they have reserved accommodation by the train leaving Santa Cruz at 9-45 a.m. (Bombay Time) and by the train leaving Church Gate at 5-6 p.m. (Bombay Time) daily—Volunteers must travel by these trains only. Accommodation will be found in front of the Up Train and in rear of the Down train.
4. When Parading after 5 p.m. during the Camp, Members will wear Forage caps.
5. Members who have not yet completed their Class Firing are requested to do so during the Camp week on the B B and C I Ry Volunteers Range which has been kindly lent for this purpose. These members will parade at 10 a.m. daily in front of the Quarter Guard.
6. The Battalion will parade at Santa Cruz on Saturday next, the 7th instant, at 4-30 p.m.

Dress—Drill order, Khaki, putties leather chin straps and helmet buttons to be worn.

(2) Special carriages will be attached to the train leaving Colaba at 3-5 p.m. (Bombay Time). Railway fares will be paid for those members joining this train at Colaba, Church Gate, Marine Lines, Charni Road and Mahalaxmi Stations. Members travelling from other Stations by the G I P Railway will pay their own fares which will be refunded. Accommodation will be found in front of the Up train and in rear of the Down train.

7. The "Highland Challenge Cup," presented by C E Phillimore, Esq., will be fired for at Cooria on Friday the 13th March 1903, at 6-15 a.m.

Conditions—Open only to Adult Members with less than 5 years. (Cadet service not to count).
Distance—200 and 500 yards.
Position—200 yards standing, 500 yards any military.
No. of Shots—Seven and one sighting shot at each distance.
8. A class of Instruction for Proficiency certificates will be held in Camp at 10-30 a.m. daily. Members wishing to attend should give in their names at once to the Orderly Room.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

NOTICE.

There will be a Concert in the Volunteers' Mess on Saturday next, the 7th instant, after dinner.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

CAPE COLONY AND ALIEN IMMIGRATION.

PROVISIONS OF THE NEW ACT.

THE Government of Bombay republish a resolution of the Government of India giving the provisions of the Act recently passed by the Legislature of Cape Colony restricting the immigration of aliens.

The resolution of the Government of India states that in a Resolution published on the 16th January last, the announcement was made that an Act had been passed by the Government of Cape Colony, similar to the "Immigration Restriction Act, 1901" of Australia, the effect of which was practically to exclude altogether from the Colony Indians of the labouring and petty trading classes. This Act came into force on the 30th ultimo. The Government of India have now received from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India a copy of this Act. Its more important provisions are extracted below for general information:—

2. In the construction of this Act, the following expressions shall, unless the contrary intention appears, bear the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say,—'Ship' shall include any ship, vessel or boat, or description thereof, used in navigation. 'Master' shall include any person other than a pilot in charge or command of any ship. 'Prohibited immigrant' shall mean and include the following persons: (a) Any person who, when asked to do so by any duly authorized officer, shall be unable through deficient education to himself write out and sign in the characters of any European language an application to the satisfaction of the Minister. (b) Any person who is not in possession of visible means of support or is likely to become a public charge.
3. This Act shall not apply to—(a) The wife and minor child of any person who is permitted to immigrate into the Colony under the provisions of this Act. (f) Persons domiciled in South Africa.
4. Subject to the provisions of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any 'prohibited immigrant' to immigrate either by land or by sea into this Colony.
5. It shall be unlawful to aid or assist any person to immigrate into this Colony in contravention of the provisions of this Act.
6. It shall be unlawful for the master of any ship knowingly to permit to land or be landed directly or indirectly from his ship any person immigrating into this Colony in contravention of the provisions of this Act.
7. It shall be lawful for the Governor from time to time by proclamation to make regulations to provide for the importation, reception, accommodation, maintenance, registration, distribution, and contractual engagements of persons immigrating under any approved scheme or belonging to any excepted class, and generally, in furtherance of the objects and intents of this Act.
8. Any person immigrating into this Colony by land or sea in violation of the provisions of this Act, shall be liable to be removed at any time from within the limits of the Colony and to be kept in such custody as may by regulation be prescribed pending such removal.
9. Any person who aids or assists any person in the contravention of any provisions of this Act, shall be liable for each offence to a penalty of £50, or in the alternative to three months' imprisonment with or without hard labour.
10. Any master of any ship who lands or allows to land, directly, or indirectly, any immigrant from his ship, whereby such immigrant contravenes any provisions of the Act, and the owners of any such ship from which any such immigrant so landed, shall be jointly and severally liable to a penalty of £100, and to a further penalty of £20 for each such immigrant landed in excess of the number of five, such ship may be refused a clearance, till such penalty has been paid, and may in default of payment by or on behalf of the master or owners and by order of the Supreme Court be attached and declared executable in satisfaction of any writ issued for the recovery of such penalty: provide that in lieu of granting such order, it shall be lawful for the Court to accept such security for the payment of such penalty as may appear to be adequate.
11. Any person wilfully making any false statement in order to obtain any certificate or recommendation for the purposes of the Act shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not exceeding £50, or to imprisonment without the option of a fine and with or without hard labour for a period not exceeding six months in addition to removal from the Colony.
13. It shall be lawful for the Governor to prescribe penalties for the contravention of any regulation made by him under this Act, provided that no penalty in respect of any one contravention shall exceed a fine of £100 or, in default of payment thereof, imprisonment with or without hard labour for a period exceeding 12 months or to imprisonment with or without hard labour and without the option of a fine for a period exceeding 12 months.
14. This Act may be cited as "The Immigration Act, 1902."

JURY VERDICTS AND GOVERNMENT APPEALS.

A CORRESPONDENCE has been published in Calcutta relating to the reversal of jury verdicts. The Government of India in a letter to the Bengal Government replied to a memorial from the European and Anglo Indian Defence Association asking for the amendment of section 307 Code of Criminal Procedure so as to make it clear that the verdicts of juries on criminal cases may not be set aside by the High Court, except in the case of perversity or of manifest or unreasonable error. The matter arose out of the Lyall case.

The Government of India argued at length to show that there was no necessity to amend the law, basing their decision upon the ground, not that the Code of 1898 altered the Law and rendered the previous decisions under this section inapplicable (as was held by Judges Pilcup and Stephen who tried the Lyall case), but that the law as laid down in the judgment in question was in accordance with previous decisions.

The Defence Association addressed the Government of India on 23rd February, pointing out that no case could be found in which the principle laid down in Emperor versus Lyall, namely that under section 307 the High Court were empowered to override a unanimous verdict of acquittal, had ever been put forward or suggested. The Council express deep regret that the doctrine, which is now apparently admitted cannot be justified as the learned judges imagined by any supposed amendment of the law and which is as novel as it is dangerous, should have been approved by the Government of India.

MRS. ANNIE BESANT IN BOMBAY.

MRS. BESANT arrived in Bombay from Benares yesterday afternoon. There will be a reception in her honour at China Bag, Girgam Back Road, this morning at 8-45. Mrs. Besant lectures at the Novelty Theatre this evening at 5-45 on "Modern Science and the Higher Self." The lecture is open to ticket-holders only, and there will be no admission after the lecture begins.

GRAVES IN THE CATHEDRAL YARD.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The following extracts from "Round About Bombay," pages 96-98, will be of some interest to the public at the present time.—Yours, &c.,

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"Outside the Church lie the representatives of many Bombay families: Warden, Lodwick Willoughby, Perry, Awdry, Wigram Crawford, Hadow, Pollenfex, Willis, all of this century; and Mrs. Rawson Hart Boddam (R. H. B. Governor, 1784 to 1788) and Henry Moore, of the last two names great in their day, but now nearly unknown. These are exclusively English or Irish names; but Scotland also can claim her dust, now so widely scattered on every region of the earth. Under the green waving branches of the gold-mohur tree sleep side by side four young men who all died in their prime—Stewart, two Forbeses, and Kirkman Finlay, the scions of families which were well-known in Bombay in a past generation and not unknown in this, and all hailing from the braes of the far north."

"The reason why we have so few tombs in our Cathedral between 1809 and 1760, we suspect, is the fact that during this period Mendham's constituted the sole burying ground of the English. We had not been long here, we are told, before the tombs in Mendham's made "a goodly show" from the harbour. But all were swept away in 1760, for fear that they should afford cover to the enemy; and we fancy that these nameless mausolea on the left as you enter Sonapore cover a mighty heap of bones gathered from the earlier charnel house."

Some workmen digging foundations about the Sailors' Home (between 1870-6) we learn, came upon human remains.

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BOMBAY STANDING COMMITTEE.

THE weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, Mr. James MacDonald presiding. There were present the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, Dr. A. G. Viegas, the Hon. Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. Haji Yusuf Haji Ismail, Mr. Manmohandas Ramji, Mr. Vithaldas Damoder, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Mr. S. D. Khote, Mr. Fazalbhoy Visram, Mr. H. G. Gell, Mr. W. L. Harvey, Municipal Commissioner, and Mr. M. N. Wadia the Secretary.

PAVEMENT OF SHEEP AND GOAT MARKET.

The Committee considered a letter from the Commissioner stating that he had sanctioned the execution of the work of paving the compound of the sheep and goat market in De Lisle Road at the cost of Rs. 2,667.

The execution of the work of povement at the estimated expense was sanctioned.

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE STATIONS.

The renewal of the agreement with the Telephone Company for establishing and maintaining telephone communications with the Municipal telephone stations from the 28th November, 1902, to the 31st March, 1903, as recommended by the Commissioner in his letter was sanctioned.

CLOCKS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

The Executive Engineer was authorized to enter into an agreement with Bai Dhanbaiji, widow of Mr. Sorabjee Jamsetji Ghadiali, for the winding and keeping in order of the Municipal clocks during the year 1903-04 on the same terms and conditions as for the current year.

NARIALWADY BURIAL GROUND.

Of the four tenders received for the construction of compound walls, drains, etc., at the Shia Isna Ashari burial ground at Narialwadi, the Committee accepted that of Messrs Teju Kaya and Company for Rs. 14,890.

THE MARATHA HOSPITAL.

Consideration was given to the following letter from Mr. Kushaba Chapaji Kale, president of the Committee of the Maratha Plague Hospital, stating:—

"We understand that a proposal is now before the Standing Committee to provide accommodation for the treatment of cases of small-pox by the construction of two additional separate and permanent wards at the Arthur Road Hospital at a cost of Rs. 15,000. In this connection we beg to invite your attention to our letter addressed to the Commissioner, wherein we offered to hand over the Maratha Hospital to the Municipality and promised to erect some more permanent wards if the Municipality retained it as a permanent institution. As there is ample accommodation not only for plague cases but also for those epidemic diseases, and as this hospital is exceedingly popular with the public for whom it is intended, and as the position is more convenient, cheerful, and healthful, we request you to consider whether it will not be advisable to spend this money at the above hospital rather than at the Arthur Road. We may be permitted to mention here that if thought advisable the Maratha Hospital is capable of affording all the necessary accommodation for an Epidemic Diseases Hospital for Bombay. We are still ready and willing to hand over the hospital to the Corporation on the terms mentioned in our aforesaid letter."

It was proposed by Mr. Khote that the letter be referred to the sub-committee appointed to report on the question of erecting additional wards at the Arthur Road Hospital.

Dr. Viegas moved an amendment that the letter be referred to the Commissioner for his remarks.

The Commissioner said that the land on which the Maratha Hospital stood belonged to Sir Dinshaw Maneckjee Petit and had been taken over for the purposes of a hospital under Epidemic Diseases Act. He proposed to hand over the land to Sir Dinshaw in June next. The land cost about a lakh of rupees, and he would not advise the Corporation to spend that sum for its acquisition. Under the circumstances he thought it was waste of time to ask him to report on the matter.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula said the matter be postponed till the sub-committee submitted their report.

The amendment of Dr. Viegas was lost on a division.

Another amendment moved by the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim for the postponement of the consideration of the matter was carried.

METER TESTS.

The following resolution of Dr. Viegas was carried:—

That the Standing Committee are of opinion that whenever it is proposed to test the accuracy of a meter, on the receipt of a complaint regarding its incorrect registering it is desirable that due written notice be served on the parties concerned specifying the time and place of carrying out such a test.

The Committee adjourned till Wednesday next.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 5.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. TYABJI.

For Judgment.

431-02—Smitham B and N—Greaves Cotton and Co vs Dorabsha Roostamji Shroff—Ardeshir H D and Co.
424-02—Tyabji D and Co—Rijhai widow vs Megbji Lukhmidas—Edgelow G and W.

Commercial Cause.

655-02—Malvi H and M—Jewan Varjung and others vs Hajee Cosman Hajee Oomer—Diksnit and D—Part heard.

Long Causes.

97-253-6—01 Kanga and P—Kishenlal Joharimul vs Govind Narayen Jeychund—Payne G S and M. (For postponment.)
197-7632-01—Kanga and P—Hurdutrai Nundram vs Govind Narayen Jeychund—Payne G S and M. (For postponment.)
302-02—Khumderao and S—Bhawaniram Sahibram vs Gulbai widow and others—Shamrao and M and K B Mehta.
98-03—Crawford B and Co—Hassumbhoy Visram and others vs Koraji Jivraj and another—Mansookhlal D and J.
115-02—Crawford B and Co—N C Macleod vs Lakhmsey Napoo and others—Mateh H and M.
463-02—Ardeshir H D and Co—Kavasdas Mathooradas and others vs Chutoorbhooj Khimji—Soraji and J.
525-02—F P Pavri—Mahomed Hoosum Bin Shaik Ahamed Makba vs Mahome Ismail Makba and others.
80-91—Smetham B and N—Bhowram Raghoba and others vs Narayen Bhowram Leshmook and another—Bicknell M and M.
74-02—Thakurdas and Co—The Indian Manufacturing Co Ld vs Lalji Veerji—Cheetnis and M.
270-01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Harichand Soondersi vs Goswami Shri Narsinglalji Maharaj—Mansookhlal J and M.
40-02—Tyabjee D and Co—Tarachand Lockmandas and another vs Jamnadas Purdayal and others—Payne G S and M.
726-01—Little and Co—Perosshaw Rustmji Kamlatta vs D Shapurji Postwalla—Jamsetjee and R.

Before the Hon Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

For Judgment in Chambers.

691-02—Edgelow G and W—Shapurjee Dinshaw Saklatwalla and another vs Hormusjee Muncherjee Chichgar and others—Edgelow G and W.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

605-01—Captain and V. Bansilal Bhagabhai vs Hurjiwan Soondersee—Consent decree.
338-02—Payne G S and M—Abdoolally Joosab Abba and others vs Beg Mahomed Hajee Ahmed Rehmam—Little and Co—Part heard.

Long Cause.

794-01—Tayabjee D and Co Waghjee Baher and another vs Rai Luximbai widow and anothers Muljee B B P G and Co.

Testamentary Suits.

4-01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Hajee Abdool R H Ahmed vs Moosa Hajiji Joosab Noorani and others—Tyabjee D and Co.
5-03—Tayabjee D and Co—Moosa H Joosab Noorani and others vs Haji Abdool R H Ahmed—Ardeshir H D and Co.

Long Causes.

411-02—Craigie L and O—The Bombay Ice Manufacturing Co vs S S Fraser and Co—Payne G S and M.
670-01—Sanjham B and N—Dewraj Tokersey and others vs Mungiram Dhunjee—Payne G S and M.
573-00—Wadia and G—Veljee Anundjee vs Sakarbai widow and others—Nanabhai H Payne and Co and Wadia and G.
547-01—In person—Hari Ramchandra vs Narayen Ramchandhar—Bhaishunker K and G.
405-02—In person (in pauper)—Gowlan Lukhshun ibai widow vs Raghunathdas Bisheshwar Panday and other—Edgelow G and W.

Before the Hon Mr Justice BATTY.

Suits for hearing and final Disposal.

Long Cause.

408-02—M R Chotia—Sama Lukhmarjee and Co vs Runchordas Vandravandas—Edgelow G and W.
423-02—Moolje B and B—Luximdas Waghji and another vs Shamji Liladhar and others—Bhaishankar K and G.
544-02—Jan snedji and R—Matoobhoy Pannachand and another vs Ranchordas Vandravandas—Edgelow G and W.
509-19,165-01—Matubhai J and M—Hiralal Kanayalal and others vs Govind Narayen—Payne G S and M.
324-02—Bhaishurker K and G—Kikabhoy Sumsoodin vs Kumrooddin Gulamally and others—Matubhai J and M.
185-01—Khunderao and S—Palbai vs Narayen Hurrischundra and others—Pestonjee R and K.
31-01—Craigie L and O—The Commercial Bank of India Ld vs Bhukandas Lalloobhai and another,—B Raghavaya Payne G S and M.
333-98—Shamrao and M—Vinayek Dhondiraj Bevulker vs Narotum Anundjee—Payne G S and M.
177-0—Matubhai J and M—N C Macleod vs Wallibai widow—Little and Co
285-00—Craigie Lland O—The Tricumdas Mills and Co Ld vs Rustom KR Cama—Thakurdas and Co.
283-01—Craigie L and O—The Tricumdas Mills Co Ld vs Hormusjee Nusserwanjee Vakeel.

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NOTES FROM NAGPORE.

OUR Nagpore correspondent writes:—Mr. H. V. Drake-Brockman, I. C. S., is appointed to officiate as Judicial Commissioner, Central Provinces, during the absence on leave of Mr. S. Ismay, I. C. S., C. S. I.

Summer appears to have fairly set in. The days are hot, but the nights continue to be chilly. Hopes are, however, entertained that the advent of the hot weather will be marked by the gradual disappearance of plague.

The local Government has offered an enhanced reward of Rs. 500 to anyone who kills the man eating tigress that frequents the Mandla-Dindori road at or near Sakke in the Mandla District.

On Friday, the 20th ultimo, the corpse of a young Madrassi woman of the servant class was found floating in a well in the Sadar Bazar. A piece of cloth was tied round her face, and no one can say whether she committed suicide or was murdered and thrown into the well.

The ravages of plague in Nagpore City have been simply appalling, the average daily death-rate having risen to 120 during the current week. So great has been the difficulty in providing decent funerals for some of the higher caste natives that women have frequently been compelled to carry the biers containing the corpses of their loved ones to the Hindu burial-ground. They have undertaken this work because the thought of throwing the corpses of their relatives into carts was revolting to their minds. Messrs. Balaji Sheoram Rolewar and Dadaji Ramkrishna, two clerks of the office of the Excise Commissioner, Central Provinces, died of plague this week.

Since the appointment of Mr. Pasley as Plague Executive Officer, efforts are being made to protect the Civil Station and Sitabuldy from the invasion of plague. While doing all that is possible in the city the Plague Executive Officer has been taking special measures to check the spread of the epidemic into non-affected areas. For this purpose a number of plague inspectors have been appointed whose duty will be to daily make a house-to-house visit, to report all suspected cases to the Civil Surgeon, and to enforce, whenever necessary, segregation, disinfection, observation, and similar other means.

The total mortality from plague in Nagpore since the commencement of the outbreak up to the 27th instant is 3,018.

It appears that Mr Knox-Homan, the Assistant Director-General of the Indian Post Office, has been appointed to be Deputy Postmaster-General of the Central Provinces. Mr. Knox-Homan officiated as Deputy Postmaster-General at Nagpore last year and was very popular amongst all classes of Europeans and native.

Mr. Ram Bhao Bobdey, a well known Brahmin Pleader, died in Modibagh on the 25th ultimo of fever.

The total number of deaths registered in Nagpore during the week ending 21st February was 879 against 633 and 452 in the two preceding weeks, and higher than the corresponding week of last year by 812. There were 771 deaths from plague against 518. The total number of births registered during the week was 126, the ratio being 3·21 per mille per annum.

The members of the Nagpore Bar have submitted an application to the Judicial Commissioner, C. P., requesting that the law courts in Nagpore may be closed for a month on account of the prevalence of plague.

THE FAMINE.

THE number of persons in receipt of relief throughout India during the preceding and present weeks in each Province is shown in the following table:—

Name of Province.	Preceding week. (Revised figures.) Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.
British Provinces.			
Central Provinces	24218	5817	30035
Total British Provinces ...	24218	5817	30035
Native States.			
Rajputana States	...	645	645
Total Native States ...	...	645	645
Grand Total ...	24218	6462	30680

Name of Province.	Present Week. Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.	Increase or decrease.
British Provinces.				
Central Provinces	28162	6314	34476	+ 4441
Total British Provinces ...	28162	6314	34476	+ 4441
Native States.				
Rajputana States	...	631	631	— 14
Total Native States ...	...	631	631	— 14
Grand Total ...	28162	6945	35107	+ 4427

INDIAN INVENTIONS AND DESIGNS.

APPLICATIONS in respect of the undermentioned inventions have been filed, under the provisions of the Inventions and Designs Act of 1888, in the office of the Secretary appointed under that Act during the week ending 21st February:—William Newton Dumaresq, electrical engineer, of 12, Rylett Crescent Shepherds Bush, London, for improvements in the method of, and means for, driving motor cars, cycles, and other similar vehicles. William Newton Dumaresq, electrical engineer, of 12, Rylett Crescent Shepherds Bush, London, for improvements in the method of, and means for, driving cycles, motor cars, and other similar vehicles, such invention being also applicable to motor launches. Robert Norrie, boiler-maker Dalla Dockyard, care of Irrawaddy Flotilla Company Limited, Rangoon, British Burma, for improvements in punching shearing machines and the like. Sydney Stanford Deeg, mechanic of Calcutta, for a self-adjusting automatic tramway line cleaner and curve lubricator. Harry Howlet Young, Lieutenant-Colonel, Indian Staff Corps, 10, Ingils road, Colchester, in the county of Essex, England for improvements in reducing gear. The Westinghouse Brake Company, Limited, manufacturers 82, York road, King's Cross London for improvements in combined spring and frictional resistance devices. Thomas Churchman Darby, Thomas Albert Darby and Sidney Charles Darby, engineers, of the Darby Digger Works, Wickford Junction, in the county of Essex, England for improvements in implements for digging or cultivating land and breaking up roads and the like. Thola-i Doss, bangle merchant, No. 1, Aya Pillai lane, Black Town, Madras, for improvements in water-lifts.

YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

THIRD DAY.

H E Lord Curzon's Challenge Cup Race has been postponed until Wednesday next, the 11th instant owing to the fact that Yachts will be given handicap allowance not Y R A allowance.

The following races will sail to-day (Thursday), the 5th instant:—

Ship's Boats (Fancy rig) Race, time allowance, the Race to sail at 2-45.

Names of Boats.	H'cap A'cce. M S	Entered by
H M S Assaye's Cutter 35'.....	18 0	Lt Comdr R M Lambert R N
R I M Dockyard's Cutter 25'...	Scr	Mr A Monk
R I M Mayo's Cutter 25'.....	12 0	Mr A Monk
P & O Caledonia's Cutter 28'...	Scr	Mr E Gordon
S S Marsilla's Gig 26'.....	25 0	Comdr G W Cockman
S S Ballarat's Cutter	30 0	Mr J W Ireland

Course No. 16 = 12·5 miles.

Tomtit Class Race, the Race to sail at 3 p.m.,

Name of Boats.	Owners.
Meg	Mr C H Byrne
Tomtit	Dr F M Gibson
Titmouse	Major J N Pollard
Clutha	Capt G Lamb, I M S
Lapwing	Mr E C Richards

Course No. 1 followed by Course No. 13 = 9 miles.

Bunder Boat Race, the Race to sail at 3-15 p.m.

Names of Boats.	Nos.
Dustgiri	5026
Luxmi	2930
Bhawani	4926
Hindustan	4263
Ganga	5517
Luxmi	2408
Luxmi	2106

N.B.—Challenge Cup Race—Being the third and last race of the series for Yachts of any rig and size on the list of the R B Y C, Y R A Time allowances for rating start at 2-30 p.m. Course No 3 followed by Course No 9 = 17,2 miles and not the Course No 17 as given in yesterday's issue.
Course No 1 = 7·1 miles.

THE late Senor Sagasta, notwithstanding the revolutionary tactics of his youth, continues after his death to be publicly honoured by the King and the leading lights of his country. It has been stated in the Spanish papers that Alfonso XIII., desiring to render homage to the memory of the old Liberal leader, is anxious to confer a title of nobility upon the daughter, Dona Esperanza Sagasta de Merino, and the motion has been warmly supported on all hands.

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Messrs Bhimjee Shamjee and Co	125
Sir Gangadharao Patwardhan K C I E Chief of Miraj	101
A well-wisher	101
Rai Bahadur Bansilal Abeerchand	101
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Messrs Manockchand Panachand	101
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Mr Bhugwandas Nagurdas Shobhigdas	101
Mr Nursingrao Shivji Dhurmsee	101
Mr D H	101
H H Maharana Shri Karansinghji Thakore Saheb of Lakhtar	100
Sir Dinshaw M Petit Bart	100
Sir Bhalchandra Krishna Kt	100
Mr Bomanji Dinshaw Petit	100
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Mr Narayan Vishwanath Mandlik	75
Mr Suleman Abdul Wahad	75
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The Hon'ble Mr Daji Abaji Khare, Dr A C Viegas, Dr D B Naik, Dr F Nuscerwanji Bisni, Mr Jehangir Dosabhoy Karaka, Rao Bahadur Narayen Trimbak Vaidya, Mr Manockchand Tuls

WRITERS AND READERS.

It will be learned with great interest that we are to have a further series of volumes by Mr. Charles Booth on the life and labour of the people in London. They represent the later fruit of the inquiry which he, and those assisting him, have carried on for years. There are eight of them, and they are almost ready to appear, except the one of "Conclusion and Summary."

Mr. Booth has also revised his previous volumes, and Messrs. Macmillan will reissue them uniform with the new ones. We shall have, therefore, a remarkable library in seventeen volumes on the greatest of London subjects. In his first series, Mr. Booth dealt with "Poverty," and in his second series with "Industry." In the new series he examines the whole subject of "Religious Influences," and the many questions so suggested.

Two qualities will be combined in a group of books that Messrs. Bell are to issue. They will be by authors who have had a noble influence on the thought of their own and succeeding ages. Thus, More's "Utopia" is one volume chosen, and Landor's "Pericles and Aspasia" is another. Then the series will be as beautiful and becoming as the art of modern printing can make it. The tradition of William Morris, qualified by the spirit of modern typography, will be followed in preparing the series.

Sir James Ramsay has now finished his book on the reigns of Henry II., Richard I., and King John, and Messrs. Swan Sonnenschein hope to publish it soon. Sir James, as he remarks in his preface, gives special attention to the military affairs of the period. He notes how little English was our England in the twelfth century—it was mostly French—and recalls that architecture was then the leading art. Sir James Ramsay thinks of writing a further volume linking up this history of the Angevin Empire with his history of the York and Lancaster age.

Some of Bret Harte's admirers are of opinion that he never did anything better than his "Condensed Novels," of which one series appeared long ago, and the other only quite recently. The idea of issuing the two sets together has occurred to Messrs. Chatto, and they propose to make them a pocket volume in their dainty St. Martin's Library. Meanwhile they are issuing a two shilling edition of the "Luck of Roaring Camp" with the first series of the "Condensed Novels." Originally they were brought out here by Mr. Hotten, under the title "Sensation Novels Condensed."

Count von Blumenthal's war "Journals" are to be published on Monday by Mr. Arnold, who says of them:—These journals of the great Prussian Field-Marshal were written by him to serve as notes for further memoirs. Although, therefore, they do not claim to be in any way complete works, they present so vivid and interesting a picture of the daily work and thought of the famous chief of the staff, that they form a valuable record of the stirring times to which they relate. The diaries refer to the Austrian and French campaigns, and they are full of interesting personal touches.

Miss Charlotte Yonge, who had so many readers for her many books, left a fragment of autobiography dealing with her youth. It has been included in Miss Coleridge's biography of her, which is now printing. The personal note of the book is seen in Miss Coleridge's remark—I have tried, as far as I can, to show her as she was in herself, so that her fine example may be made known far and wide, rather than to chronicle the small events of her very quiet life in regular order. Miss Yonge and Miss Coleridge were intimate friends.

Not long ago we collected the views of leading English publishers on the question of issuing novels in paper covers, as is done on the Continent. Almost without exception they declared that such a change would be unwelcome to English readers. It would appear now that the Continent is inclined to make a departure towards the English cloth binding. At all events, a leading French publisher intimates that a series which he issues will henceforth be bound in cloth, though the old price will be maintained. "C'est une revolution en librairie," he says.

"With Macdonald in Uganda" is a book which Mr. Arnold has had in preparation for some time. It is now ready to come out. Major Herbert Austin, who was a member of the expedition, writes it. People will recall that there was a mutiny on the part of the Soudanese troops, and that difficult and stirring times followed for the explorers. Major Austin tells the story of what happened from beginning to end. Of the book generally the hope is expressed that it—may tend to remove many of the erroneous impressions which exist as to the actual outbreak of the mutiny. There are a large number of illustrations, and sport and scenery in Uganda are dealt with.

A book on South Africa, with the name Sir Bartle Frere on its title-page, should be of interest. The author is the son of the pro-Consul who was so eminent in South African affairs. This book, which Mr. Murray will publish shortly, consist of letters written by an "Uitlander" friend to Sir Bartle. They begin shortly before the war began, and he has now edited them as an inside record of South African events and their causes. As Sir Bartle says, the writer of the letters—is not connected with gold mining, he has carefully watched events, and he is an honest English gentleman. More I am not at liberty to divulge, but this I am willing to vouch for.

Mr. Fisher Unwin will publish Mr. Carruthers Gould's new "Froissart," which is thus on the way to become a popular annual. As before, he has tried to reproduce the "atmosphere" of Sir John Froissart. Should anyone, revering strict accuracy, find faults in his records, he pleads that—had the great mediæval gossip himself written the political history of last year, he might have misinterpreted the story as it would have been told to him, and failed to discriminate between figures of speech and facts. For it is possible that if Sir John Froissart had survived to come to England for the Coronation in 1902 he might have gathered gossip even from that strange modern monster compounded of a few facts and many fancies the Man in the Street. There are many illustrations.

Within the next few days Messrs. Macmillan will publish a book entitled "Liberal Judaism," by Mr. Claude G. Montefiore. He prepared an edition of the Bible for Jewish family reading, and is joint author of a book on various aspects of Judaism. Mr. Montefiore is careful to say that he does not write for anybody but himself. He does not write of Liberal Judaism as a separate organisation, or of Liberal Judaism in its history and development. His text is the particular and individualised form of Liberal Judaism which he happens himself to hold.

Bric-a-Brac.—Mrs. Hugh Bell's new volume of essays, "The Minor Moralist," is nearly ready—Mr. Elkin Mathews is publishing a poetic drama by Mr. Arthur F. Wallis, entitled "Stars of the Morning."—Mr. Lane's series of Country Handbooks will begin to appear this month with a volume by the editor Mr. Harry Roberts. It is called "The Tramp's Handbook."—Sir Henry Burdett has prepared a new edition of his work "The Uniform System of Accounts for Hospitals and Institutions." The Scientific Press announces it.—The new issue of "Crockford's Clerical Directory" will be ready at the beginning of March. It runs to 2,300 pages, and is the largest issue that has appeared.—Acknowledging for the King a set of Mr. Laurence Gomme's well-known history storybooks, Lord Knollys has written that his Majesty has been able to glance through one or two of the story-books, and they strike him as being a very useful assistance in spreading historical knowledge."—The King has also accepted, through Lord Knollys, a copy of Mr. Cyril Seymour's novel 'The Magic of To-morrow,' which Messrs. Chatto have published.

Mr. Richard Bagot has written to the "Athenæum" to protest against the identification of characters in his "Donna Diana" with living persons. The grievance of being libelled in fiction is certainly aggravated by persons who volunteer publicly to fit the caps on other people's heads. By the way, I observe that the announcement of Mrs. Wilfrid Ward's new novel, "The Light Behind" (Lane) calls special attention to the portrait it contains of "a well-known editor, recently deceased, for many years asociated with a leading London review."

Automobile clubs are being formed in connexion with both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Matters have already advanced sufficiently far at the former University for the election of a secretary and committee. The headquarters of the Oxford Club will probably be the Clarendon Hotel. Already over thirty promises of membership have been received.

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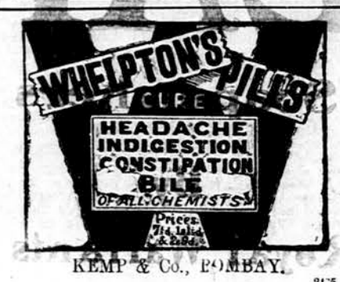

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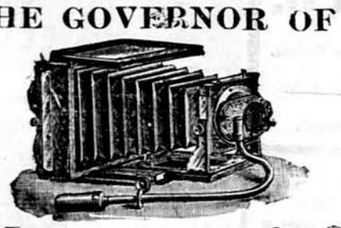

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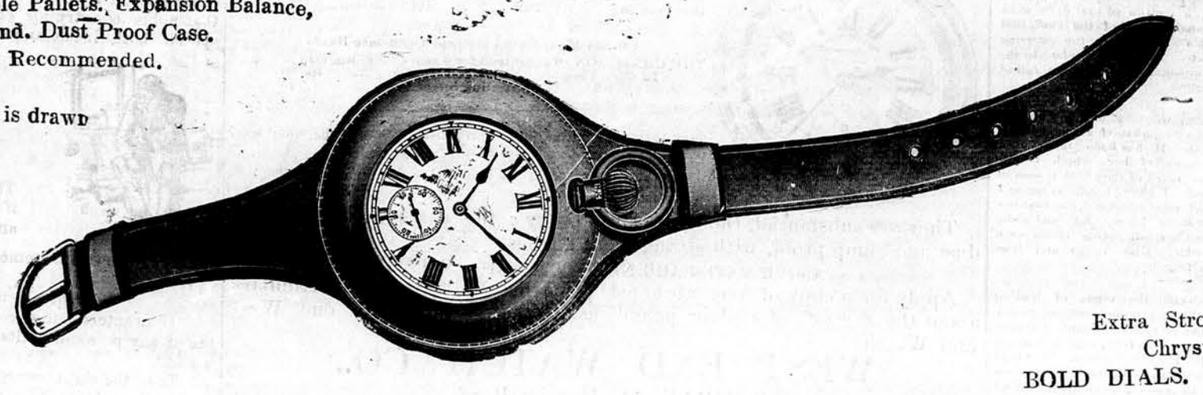

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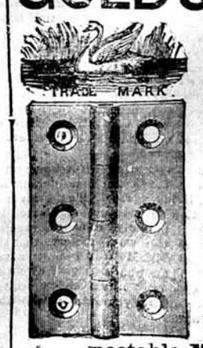

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